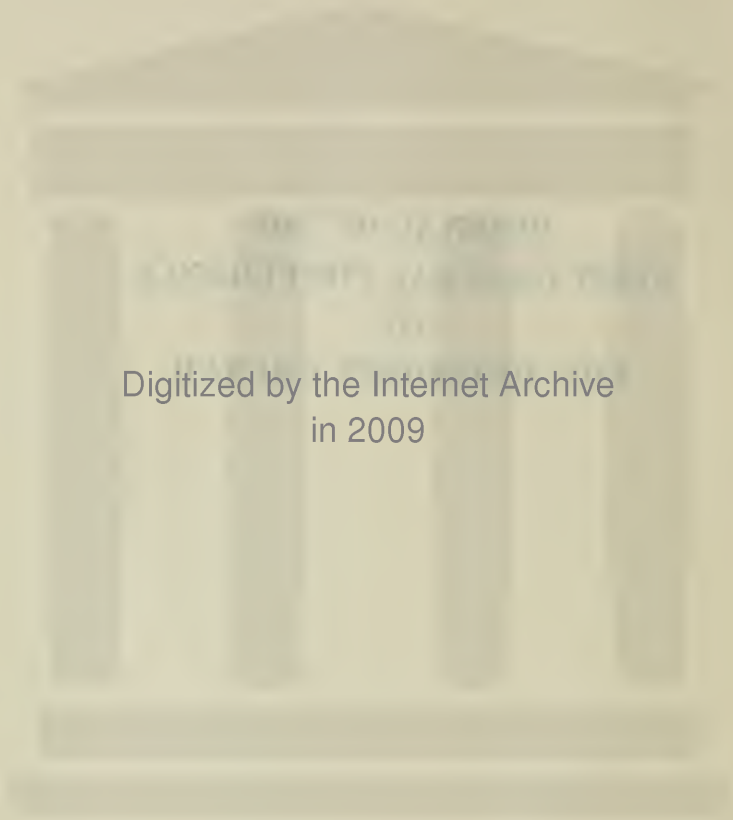


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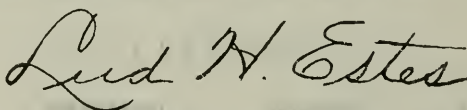
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CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

DIVISION ONE

Article I—Declaration of Union

The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church shall be united in one Church.

Article II—Name

The name of the Church shall be The Methodist Church.

Article III—Articles of Religion

The Articles of Religion shall be those historically held in common by the three uniting Churches. (See ¶¶ 61-85, 1940 *Discipline*.)

DIVISION TWO—CONFERENCES

1. There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

2. There shall be Jurisdictional Conferences for the Church in the United States of America, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

3. There shall be Central Conferences for the Church outside the United States of America, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

4. There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies in the Church, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

SECTION I—GENERAL CONFERENCE

Article I.—The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 800 delegates, one-half of whom shall be ministers and one-half lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences.

Article II.—The General Conference shall meet in the month of April or May once in four years, beginning with such year and at such place as shall be fixed by the Uniting Conference, and thereafter at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the General Conference or by its duly authorized Committees.

Article III.—The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences, with the total ministerial membership in the Annual Conference as a basis, provided that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

Article IV.—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectional, and in the exercise of said power shall have authority as follows:

1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership.

2. To define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons, Supply Preachers, Local Preachers, Exhorters, and Deaconesses.

3. To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, and of District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences.

4. To provide for the organization, promotion, and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America.

5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy; to adopt a plan for the support of the Bishops, to provide a uniform rule for their superannuation, and to provide for the discontinuance of a Bishop because of inefficiency or unacceptability.

6. To provide and revise the Hymnal and Ritual of the Church and to regulate all matters relating to the form and mode of worship, subject to the limitations of the First Restrictive Rule.

7. To provide a judicial system and a method of judicial procedure for the Church, except as herein otherwise prescribed.

8. To initiate and to direct all connectional enterprises of the Church, such as publishing, evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent, and to provide Boards for their promotion and administration.

9. To determine and provide for raising the funds necessary to carry on the connectional work of the Church.

10. To fix a uniform basis upon which Bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences and to determine the number of Bishops that may be elected by Central Conferences.

11. To select its Presiding Officers from the Bishops, through a Committee, provided that the Bishops shall select

from their own number the President for the opening session.

12. To change the number and the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved.

13. To establish such Commissions for the general work of the Church as may be deemed advisable.

14. To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church.

SECTION II—RESTRICTIVE RULES

1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

2. The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency.

3. The General Conference shall not do away the privileges of our Ministers or Preachers of trial by a Committee and of an appeal; neither shall it do away the privileges of our members of trial before the church, or by a Committee, and of an appeal.

4. The General Conference shall not revoke or change the General Rules of the United Societies.

5. The General Conference shall not appropriate the produce of the Publishing House, the Book Concern, or the Chartered Fund to any purpose other than for the benefit of the traveling, supernumerary, superannuated, and worn-out preachers, their wives, widows, and children.

SECTION III—AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the Constitution may originate in either the General Conference or an Annual Conference.

2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made upon a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds majority of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, except in the case of the First Restrictive Rule, which shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting. The vote, after being completed, shall be canvassed by the Council of Bishops and the amendment voted upon shall become effective upon their announcement of its having received the required majority.

3. A Jurisdictional Conference may by a majority vote propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, and such proposed changes shall be submitted to the next General Conference. If the General Conference adopt the measure by a two-thirds vote, it shall be submitted to the Annual Conferences according to the provision for amendments.

SECTION IV—JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

Article I.—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of as many representatives from the Annual Conferences as shall be determined by a uniform basis established by the General Conference.

Article II.—All Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the same status and the same privileges of action within the limits fixed by the Constitution. The ratio of representation of the Annual Conferences in the General Conference shall be the same for all Jurisdictional Conferences.

Article III.—The General Conference shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences, provided that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, the ministerial to be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conferences and the lay delegates by the lay members.

Article IV.—Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet within the twelve months succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Jurisdictional Conference, or by its properly constituted Committee. The first meeting of each Jurisdictional Conference after the General Conference shall be called by the Council of Bishops at a date fixed by them and at a place selected by a Committee on Entertainment appointed by them.

Article V.—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Church, and to provide for interests and institutions within their boundaries.

2. To elect Bishops and to co-operate in carrying out such plans for their support as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute Jurisdictional Conference Boards as auxiliary to the General Boards of the Church as the need may appear, and to choose their representatives on

the General Boards in such manner as the General Conference may determine.

4. To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences, provided that there shall be no Annual Conference with a membership of fewer than fifty ministers in full connection, except by the consent of the General Conference.

5. To make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the Jurisdiction, subject to such powers as have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

6. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Jurisdiction from the decision of a Trial Committee.

SECTION V—CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Article I.—There shall be Central Conferences for the work of the Church outside the United States of America with such duties, powers, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth. The number and boundaries of the Central Conferences shall be determined by the Uniting Conference. Subsequently the General Conference shall have authority to change the number and boundaries of Central Conferences. The Central Conferences shall have the duties, powers, and privileges hereinafter set forth.

Article II.—The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be ministerial and lay in equal numbers, the ministerial delegates to be elected by the ministerial members and the lay delegates by the lay members of the Annual Conferences.

Article III.—The Central Conferences shall meet within the year succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such times and places as shall have been determined by the preceding respective Central Conferences or by Commissions appointed by them, or by the General Conference. The date and place of the first meeting succeeding the first General Conference shall be fixed by the Bishops of the respective Central Conferences, or in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference.

Article IV.—The Central Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests and institutions of the Church within their own boundaries.

2. To elect the Bishops for the respective Central Conferences in number as may be determined from time to time,

upon a basis fixed by the General Conference, and to co-operate in carrying out such plans for the support of their Bishops as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute such Central Conference Boards as may be required and to elect their administrative officers.

4. To determine the boundaries of the Annual Conferences within their respective areas.

5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

6. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Central Conference from the decision of a Committee of Trial.

SECTION VI—EPISCOPAL ADMINISTRATION IN CENTRAL CONFERENCES

1. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall be elected and inducted into office by their respective Central Conferences.

2. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote limited to matters relating to their respective Central Conferences.

3. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Central Conferences.

4. The Bishops of each Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal visitation within their Central Conference.

5. The Council of Bishops may assign one of their number to visit any Central Conference. When so assigned the Bishop shall be recognized as an accredited representative of the general Church; and when requested by a majority of the Bishops of a Central Conference may exercise therein the functions of the Episcopacy.

SECTION VII—ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Article I.—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church.

Article II.—The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of

ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

Article III.—The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V, at the session preceding the General Conference. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. The additional delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The Annual Conference shall also elect reserve ministerial and lay delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference as it may deem desirable.

Article IV.—The ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, provided that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent Churches forming this union, or in The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Article V.—The lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference, provided that such delegates be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and shall have been members of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the Annual Conference electing them at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

SECTION VIII—BOUNDARIES

Article I.—The Methodist Church in the United States of America shall have Jurisdictional Conferences made up as follows:

Northeastern—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Porto Rico.

Southeastern—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Cuba.

Central—The Negro Annual Conferences, the Negro Mission Conferences and Missions in the United States of America.

North Central—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota.

South Central—Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico.

Western—Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska, Hawaiian Islands.

Article II.—The work of the Church outside the United States of America may be formed into Central Conferences, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the Uniting Conference, the General Conference having authority subsequently to make changes in the number and boundaries.

Article III.—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved.

Article IV.—Changes in the number, names, and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of America, according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences.

SECTION IX—DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Article I.—There may be organized in an Annual Conference District Conferences composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference may determine.

SECTION X—QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Article I.—There shall be organized in each pastoral

charge a Quarterly Conference composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference shall provide.

Article II. Election of Church Officers.—Unless the General Conference shall order otherwise the officers of the church or churches constituting a pastoral charge shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference or by the members of said church or churches at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference, unless the election is otherwise required by local church charters or state laws.

SECTION XI—CHURCH CONFERENCES

There may be a Church Conference in each church, having such powers and duties as the General Conference may prescribe.

DIVISION THREE—EPISCOPACY

Article I.—There shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article II.—The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference.

Article III.—There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the Bishops of all the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. The Council shall meet at least once a year and plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules, regulations, and responsibilities prescribed and enjoined by the General Conference, and in accord with the provisions set forth in this Plan of Union.

Article IV.—The Bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall arrange the Plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories.

Article V.—The Bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the Jurisdictional Conferences in which they are elected. A Bishop may be transferred from one Jurisdiction to another Jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision by the Council of Bishops when such transfer is requested by the Jurisdictional Conference to which such proposed transfer is to be made.

A Bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service not to exceed a year, in another Jurisdiction than that which elected him, provided request is made by a majority of the Bishops in the Jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In the case of an emergency in any Jurisdiction through the death or disability of its Bishops the Council of Bishops may assign one or more Bishops from other Jurisdictions to the work of the said Jurisdiction with the consent of a majority of the Bishops of that Jurisdiction.

Article VI.—The Bishops of The Methodist Episcopal Church and of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the time union is consummated, shall be Bishops of The Methodist Church.

The delegates from the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Protestant Church in the Uniting Conference shall have the authority and power to elect to the office of Bishop two ministers of their Church who, upon ordination or consecration at the Uniting Conference by the Bishops of the other two Churches, shall become effective Bishops of The Methodist Church.

The effective Bishops shall be assigned for service to the various Jurisdictional Conferences by the Uniting Conference.

Article VII.—A Bishop presiding over a District, Annual, or Jurisdictional Conference shall decide all questions of law coming before him in the regular business of a session, provided that such questions be presented in writing and that his decisions be recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

Such an Episcopal decision shall not be authoritative except for the pending case until it shall have been passed upon by the Judicial Council. Each Bishop shall report in writing annually all his decisions of law, with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them.

Article VIII.—The Bishops of the several Jurisdictional Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences.

DIVISION FOUR—THE JUDICIARY

Article I.—There shall be a Judicial Council. The General Conference shall determine the number and qualifications of its members, their terms of office, and the method of election and the filling of vacancies.

Article II.—The Judicial Council shall have authority :

1. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference; and to determine the constitutionality of any act of a Jurisdictional or Central Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Bishops of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference or upon the appeal of one-fifth of the members of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

2. To hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's decision on a question of law made in the Annual or District Conference when said appeal has been made by one-fifth of that Conference present and voting.

3. To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences.

4. To hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by any General Conference Board or Jurisdictional or Central Conference Board or body, upon appeal by one-third of the members thereof or upon request of the Council of Bishops, or a majority of the Bishops of a Jurisdictional or a Central Conference.

5. To have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference.

6. To provide its own methods of organization and procedure.

Article III.—All decisions of the Judicial Council shall be final. However, when the Judicial Council shall declare any act of the General Conference unconstitutional that decision shall be reported back to that General Conference immediately.

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Abbott, Benjamin F.	Central West, C
Baggett, John F.	Tennessee, SE
Baker, Earle A.	Upper Iowa, NC
Bankhardt, Frederick	Yenping, OS
*Baylor, Mrs. Carrie	Illinois, NC
Bell, George M.	Wyoming, NE
Bergsten, Gote	Sweden, OS
Blackburn, R. T.	East Oklahoma, SC
Bowen, John W. E.	Louisiana, C
Bryan, W. F.	Texas, SC
Bunting, John J.	Peninsula, NE
Burgan, Harry W.	Baltimore, NE
Burgum, Leslie R.	North Dakota, NC
Buthman, John C.	Northwest Iowa, NC

Caskey, John F.	St. Louis, SC
Chasey, Joseph W.	New York, NE
Clark, O. P.	Northwest Texas, SC
Claypool, James V.	New England Southern, NE
Coldsmith, Charles I.	Kansas, SC
Coman, Alfred P.	Central New York, NE
Cook, John B.	Florida, C
*Crawford, Alfred F.	Rock River, NC
*Crook, Clifton A.	Pacific Northwest, W
Curtis, W. Marvette	Alabama, SE
Davenport, George M.	North Alabama, SE
Davidson, M. Marvin	North Alabama, SE
*Dunham, Harry A.	Western North Carolina, SE
Edwards, Loren M.	Colorado, W
Fifer, Orien W.	Indiana, NC
Free, O. H.	Southern Illinois, NC
Freeman, Horace T.	South Georgia, SE
Frey, V. Max	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Gettle, Homer R.	North Indiana, NC
Given, William M.	West Virginia, NE
Golden, James W.	Tennessee, C
Goodwin, Levi P.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Grant, Thomas McM.	North Carolina, SE
Hann, Edward F.	New Jersey, NE
Hawver, H. Daniel	New Hampshire, NE
*Herrigel, Fred, Jr.	Newark, NE
Holmes, William W.	Louisiana, SC
Howard, Arthur R.	South Carolina, C
Jennings, Berton L.	California, W
Jones, Edward M.	Central Alabama, C
Jones, Frank B.	Memphis, SE
Jordan, G. Ray	West North Carolina, SE
Kaub, Louis H.	Nebraska, SC
*Kemp, Cary A.	Central Kansas, SC
Kestle, Asa J.	Ohio, NC
*Keichel, Doane F.	Nebraska, SC
King, William P.	North Georgia, SE
King, Willis J.	Texas, C
Langdale, John W.	New York East, NE
Lee, Handel	Central China, OS
Mandrelle, G. S.	Bombay, OS
Martin, Albert W.	North Arkansas, SC
Martin, Arba	Ohio, NC
Martin, Eldon H.	Vermont, NE
Martin, Willsie	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Masland, J. Wesley	Philadelphia, NE
Massey, George M.	Lucknow, OS
McMillan, Kay W.	West Texas, C
Mondol, Shot K.	Bengal, OS
Morgan, Robert E. L.	West Oklahoma, SC
Morris, Robert F.	Upper South Carolina, SE

Morrison, Fred E.	Dakota, NC
Ogle, Edwin H.	Holston, SE
Olson, Oscar T.	North-East, NC
Pellowe, Albert H.	Michigan, NC
Perkins, Albert R.	Kentucky, SE
Piper, Joseph D.	Pittsburgh, NE
Potts, J. Manning	Virginia, SE
Pugh, A. Wesley	North Indiana, NC
Reed, Marshall R.	Detroit, NC
Reves, Claude M.	Little Rock, SC
Rives, John J.	Virginia, SE
Robison, Emmitt L.	Missouri, SC
Ryan, Harry G.	North Texas, SC
Score, J. N. R.	Central Texas, SC
Shaffer, Frank L.	West Virginia, NE
Shaw, J. Beverly F.	Mississippi, C
Short, Roy H.	Louisville, SE
Smith, Benjamin F.	Lexington, C
*Smith, Robert J.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Soto, Felix E.	Southwest Mexican, SC
Spellman, L. U.	Southwest Texas, SC
Stansell, Robert B.	Wisconsin, NC
*Staten, William H.	Delaware, C
Stout, Harrison, E.	North-East Ohio, NC
Taggart, James H.	Southwest, C
Tarwater, Oliver R.	Holston, SC
Thrall, Charles H.	Illinois, NC
Timerman, Donald	Ohio, NC
Wasson, Lovick P.	North Mississippi, SE
Weaver, G. Charles	Genesee, NE
Wicker, Rufus E.	Florida, SE
Williams, G. Ellis	Baltimore, NE
Winchester, Robert W.	North Carolina, C

NO. 3. EDUCATION

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and the interests and activities which by the law of the church are made the concern of this Board.

ARLO A. BROWN, *Chairman*; PAUL QUILLIAN, *Vice-Chairman*; JOHN B. MAGEE, *Secretary*.

(*Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Ahn, George B.	Central New York, NE
Alexander, William M.	Missouri, SC
*Almgren, David	Sweden, OS
Allison, Oscar E.	Kansas, SC
Anderson, William K.	Pittsburgh, NE
Baker, Clem	Little Rock, SC
Banting, George O.	Wisconsin, NC
Barrett, Maurice E.	New England Southern, NE

Bartlett, William E.	Erie, NE
Baxter, Bruce R.	Oregon, W
*Bethune, Mrs. Mary M.	South Florida, C
Blackburn, Henry W.	Florida, SE
Bowen, Cawthon A.	Mississippi, SE
Bowers, Joe E.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Bragg, Mrs. J. D.	St. Louis, SC
*Brewer, R. L.	Virginia, SE
Brown, Arlo A.	Newark, NE
Brown, William E.	New Mexico, SC
Bugbee, Lucius H.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Burnham, Smith	Michigan, NC
Callaghan, Arthur A.	Maine, NE
Carr, Harold F.	Detroit, NC
*Carter, G. E.	Texas, SC
*Chaffee, Almon H.	New York East, NE
Clark, James L.	Kentucky, SE
Corson, Fred P.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Coulter, Charles M.	Ohio, NC
Craven, James B.	Western North Carolina, SE
Daniel, Coleman C.	Memphis, SE
*Dannelly, Clarence M.	Alabama, SE
*Davage, Matthew S.	Louisiana, C
*Dickey, John H.	Louisville, SE
Dogan, Matthew W.	Texas, C
*Few, William P.	North Carolina, SE
*Fitch, Harold W.	Illinois, NC
Ford, J. Emerson	South Carolina, SE
*Forman, Julius M.	North Mississippi, SE
*Gobbel, Luther L.	Western North Carolina, SE
Grannum, Stanley E.	West Texas, C
Groenig, Ernest D.	Minnesota, NC
*Halmhuber, Paul G.	Detroit, NC
Harris, Frank E.	Southern Illinois, NC
Harris, M. Lafayette	Lexington, C
Hawk, Eugene B.	Central Texas, SC
Haywood, John W.	East Tennessee, C
Hearn, Walter A.	Peninsula, NE
*Heer, Amos L.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Hixson, Jerome C.	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Holland, Castle O.	Louisiana, SC
Holloway, Fred G.	Baltimore, NE
Hooper, T. Leroy	Pittsburgh, NE
Hughes, Alfred F.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Jackson, W. W.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Jones, David D.	North Carolina, C
Jones, William T.	Indiana, NC
Kelley, Mark	Troy, NE
Kirk, Albert E.	Central Kansas, SC
Kitto, Charles W.	Philadelphia, NE
Knoles, Tully C.	California, W

*Lance, Thomas J.	North Georgia, SE
Lee, Umphrey	North Texas, SC
Lockridge, Frank E.	Dakota, NC
Lott, Fred E.	Wyoming, NE
Lugg, Thomas B.	Illinois, NC
MacRossie, Allan (Deceased)	New York, NE
Magee, John B.	Upper Iowa, NC
Marsh, Daniel L.	New England, NE
Mather, Thomas B.	Southwest Missouri, SC
McCoy, Lee M.	Upper Mississippi, C
McCuskey, Roy	West Virginia, NE
McGriffin, James	Southern California-Arizona, W
Miles, Minor C.	West Virginia, NE
*Moore, Albert H.	California, W.
Myers, Harwood P.	Virginia, SE
*Patterson, D. Stewart	Baltimore, NE
Pearce, William M.	Northwest Texas, SC
Quillian, Paul W.	Texas, SC
*Randolph, Joseph B.	South Carolina, C
*Rarick, Clarence E.	Central Kansas, SC
*Reimers, Christian	Norway, OS
Roadman, Earl A.	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Robb, James L.	Holston, SE
Rumble, Lester	North Georgia, SE
Schofield, Charles E.	Colorado, W
Schwartz, Benjamin F.	Nebraska, SC
Schisler, John Q.	North Arkansas, SC
Searles, John W.	Genesee, NE
Shelton, Floyd B.	Holston, SE
Shelton, William A.	North Alabama, SE
Sloan, Harold P.	New Jersey, NE
*Slutz, Frank D.	Ohio, NC
Smith, Horace G.	Rock River, NC
Smith, Phillips B.	North Indiana, NC
*Snyder, Henry N.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Stromberg, Sven	Eastern Swedish, NE
*Sweet, Mrs. Paul W.	Pacific Northwest, W
Upperman, Harry L.	Tennessee, SE
*Vasquez, Alfredo	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Vickery, William M.	West Oklahoma, SC
Warmer, George A.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Williams, Hugh E.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Williams, Robert	Ohio, NC
Williams, Robert M.	Washington, C
*Wilson, Herbert S.	Delaware, C
*Wimberly, Rudolph S.	South Georgia, SE
Wright, Louis C.	North-East Ohio, NC

NO. 4. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the interests and activities made by the law

of the church the concern of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

ROY L. SMITH, *Chairman*; FRED B. NEWELL, *Vice-Chairman*; MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, *Secretary*.

(*Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Adams, Charles V.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Ahmad Shah, Ebenezer	Lucknow, OS
*Ale, Mrs. Wilbur	Detroit, NC
*Anderson, Mrs. Emma T.	Central New York, NE
*Armistead, D. F.	North Texas, SC
*Avery, Mrs. Alice	Southern Illinois, NC
*Awtrey, Mrs. L. M.	North Georgia, SE
*Banerji, Miss Bino	Central Provinces, OS
*Banker, Harry F.	Texas, SC
*Bartlett, Mrs. E. R.	Northeast Indiana, NC
*Black, Mrs. Henry C.	Holston, SE
Brashares, Charles W.	Detroit, NC
*Brown, Mrs. W. Raymond	Genesee, NE
Clegg, Leland	Little Rock, SC
*Colegrove, Mrs. P. C.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Coleman, Wade H.	West Virginia, NE
Coors, D. Stanley	Michigan, NC
Corcoran, Sanford W.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Cox, A. W.	West Virginia, NE
*Croxall, Mrs. Charles B.	North Indiana, NC
*Cunningham, Wendell T.	Atlanta, C
Curry, Daniel S.	South Carolina, C
Dahl, E. S.	Eastern Swedish, NE
Deschner, Phil	East Oklahoma, SC
*Eastman, Joel A.	Illinois, NC
Eddings, Joseph S.	North Alabama, SE
*Eggleston, Charles F.	Philadelphia, NE
Ellis, Thomas D.	South Georgia, SE
Franklin, Marvin A.	North Alabama, SE
*Frei, Gottfried	Switzerland, OS
Geissinger, E. Lamont	Nebraska, SC
*Gibson, Miss Henrietta	Troy, NE
*Gifford, Blaine H.	Erie, NE
*Godfrey, Mrs. F. Bartow	Florida, SE
Golding, Nat J.	North Mississippi, SE
*Goode, Mrs. W. H. C.	Ohio, NC
Hargis, David H.	Delaware, C
Harris, Innis D.	Central Kansas, SC
Haymes, Joe O.	Northwest Texas, SC
Hertzog, William H.	Idaho, W
Hughes, William A. C.	Washington, C
Hummel, George W.	Louisville, SE
*Jacoby, Mrs. O. D.	California, W
Jeffras, Charles W.	New England, NE

*Jones, Charles A.	Ohio, NC
Jordan, Fred J.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Lamb, Mrs. Fred A.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Lauer, Mrs. Harry	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Lee, Miss Elizabeth M.	Pittsburgh, NE
Legg, Albert E.	Northern New York, NE
*Lindsay, Mrs. F. F.	Minnesota, NC
MacCaughey, Charles	Pacific Northwest, W
*Martin, Boyce C.	Central Texas, SC
*McDonald, T. Morton	Indiana, NC
Mills, J. Walter	Texas, SC
*Millsap, Miss Katheryn	Central Kansas, SC
*Mobley, M. Randolph	South Carolina, SE
Moore, Aubrey S.	Rock River, NC
Moore, James W.	Virginia, SE
*Morgan, Mrs. Joy E.	Baltimore, NE
*Morling, Mrs. May S.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Mueller, Fred W.	North-East Ohio, NC
Mullikin, William L.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Newell, Fred B.	New York East, NE
*Nicholson, Mrs. Thomas	Upper Iowa, NC
*Oram, Miss E. Jean	North-East Ohio, NC
Ormond, Jesse M.	North Carolina, SE
*Patton, John A.	Lexington, C
*Peel, David T.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Peel, Mrs. Leon R.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Pennington, Mrs. Edythe M.	Nebraska, SC
Pennell, Joseph R.	Wyoming, NE
Perry, John W.	Holston, SE
*Pewett, Mrs. Henkel	North Arkansas, SC
*Pritchard, William P.	New England Southern, NE
Quimby, Karl K.	Newark, NE
Rankin, William P.	California, W
Reyna, Flor F.	Cuba, SE
Robinson, Ernest W.	Maine, NE
*Rosell, Paul F.	Sweden, OS
*Roudebush, Roy R.	North Indiana, NC
Schatzman, Albert G.	Ohio, NC
Shaw, William E.	Illinois, NC
*Sexton, Mrs. George S., Jr.	Louisiana, SC
Shipman, Raymond M.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Shockley, Orlando, M.	Peninsula, NE
Sigg, Ferdinand	Switzerland, OS
Slack, William B.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Slaton, John T.	Kentucky, SE
Slaughter, Dow P.	Alabama, SE
Smith, Leonard B.	Baltimore, NE
Smith, Roy L.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Sockman, Ralph W.	New York, NE
Spaulding, Walter B.	Montana, W
*Spencer, Robert B.	Colorado, W

Stanbury, Walter A.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Stevens, Benjamin M.	Mississippi, SE
*Tatum, Mrs. S. Homer	Memphis, SE
Templin, Leslie G.	Gujarat, OS
Tucker, Frank C.	Missouri, SC
*Walker, Mrs. A. R.	St. Louis, SC
Wark, Homer E.	West Virginia, NE
Weaver, Charles C.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Wells, Luther W.	Virginia, SE
*Werner, Mrs. H. E.	Kansas, SC
*Westen, Miss May	South India, OS
*Wiseman, William H.	Tennessee, SE
Wishard, B. F.	Central Provinces, OS
*Wysner, Glora M.	North Africa, OS
*Yard, Mrs. George W.	New Jersey, NE

NO. 5. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the church the concern of this Board.

PAUL N. GARBER, *Chairman*; *TROY W. APPLEBY, *Vice-Chairman*;
JOHN B. F. YOAK, JR., *Secretary*.

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*Appleby, Troy W.	Ohio, NC
Bailey, Fred M.	St. Louis, SC
*Baker, John H.	Baltimore, NE
Bays, James A.	Holston, SE
*Beal, Edwin G.	North-East Ohio, NC
Bohmfolk, C. F.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Boyce, Fred C.	Wisconsin, NC
*Campbell, Richard W.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Cheetham, Arthur D.	Northern New York, NE
Crane, Henry H.	Detroit, NC
*Crummey, J. D.	California, W
Culver, Frank P.	Central Texas, SC
Daniel, Joseph H.	Florida, SE
*Dolliver, James I.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Douglass, George C.	Troy, NE
*Dudley, Mrs. Flora S.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Emmons, Grover C.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Evans, Paul F.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Everson, Ray D.	Indiana, NC
*Fernstermacher, George H.	North Indiana, NC
*Fletcher, William E.	Washington, C
*Foster, Chapin D.	Pacific Northwest, W
Garber, Paul N.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Germany, Eugene B.	North Texas, SC

Greer, Charles T.	Erie, NE
*Guilds, J. Caldwell	South Carolina, SE
Hand, Howard E.	Philadelphia, NE
Harmon, Nolan B., Jr.	Virginia, SE
Harper, Robert H.	Louisiana, SC
*Harrah, E. C.	Colorado, W
*Hollis, Carl	Little Rock, SC
*Hood, Gurney P.	North Carolina, SE
Hough, Lynn Harold	New York East, NE
Huse, Raymond H.	Central New York, NE
Johnson, Silas	South Georgia, SE
Jones, Guy F.	Texas, SC
*Jones, H. Tip	West Virginia, NE
Kulp, Edmund J.	Southwest Missouri, SC
La Grone, Don H.	West Oklahoma, SC
Lazenby, Marion E.	North Alabama, SE
*MacMullen, Stanley O.	New England, NE
*McAlister, Reuben H.	Mississippi, C
McCune, Newell A.	Michigan, NC
*McDonald, Samuel J.	South Carolina, C
McQueen, M. Wayne	North-East Ohio, NC
Meeks, Benjamin W.	Baltimore, NE
Miller, Leslie	Kansas, SC
Morehead, Conner	North Arkansas, SC
*Newton, Herbert E.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Nichols, Ray H.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Perkins, William C.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Pohlman, George	Missouri, SC
*Pritchett, Cassius J.	Illinois, NC
*Propert, Frank C.	New Jersey, NE
Pulliam, William G.	Illinois, NC
*Quay, Ernest E.	Wyoming, NE
*Raymond, Mrs. Frank	Detroit, NC
*Reineke, George F.	Minnesota, NC
*Schiefelbein, Ernest S.	Nebraska, SC
Simmonds, James P.	Ohio, NC
*Simpson, Leverett J.	Genesee, NE
*Slaughter, N. G.	North Georgia, SE
Stone, Fred D.	Rock River, NC
Sutherland, Benjamin L.	Mississippi, SE
Templin, Lester R.	Central Kansas, SC
Underwood, James E.	Memphis, SE
Washabaugh, J. Edgar	Newark, NE
*Whitmore, Ben A.	Tennessee, SE
*Wilson, Mrs. Byron H.	Southern California-Arizona, W

Yates, Earl U. Southern Illinois, NC
 Yoak, John B. F., Jr. West Virginia, NE
 Young, Claude Northwest Indiana, NC

*Zimmerman, Henry M. Kentucky, SE

NO. 6. CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

THOMAS S. BROCK, *Chairman*; ARTHUR M. WELLS, *Vice-Chairman*;
 A. THOMAS MCILWAIN, *Secretary*.

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*Archer, William D. North-East Ohio, NC

*Barradell, William H. New York East, NE

*Beauchamp, Mrs. E. E. Kansas, SC

*Bell, O. Roddy Upper South Carolina, SE

*Bradenberger, Max B. Southwest Texas, C

*Brock, Thomas S. New Jersey, NE

*Brock, William E. Holston, SE

Browsers, John W. East Oklahoma, SC

*Brown, Samuel L. West Texas, C

Canter, Harry M. Virginia, SE

*Carpenter, Alanson R. West Oklahoma, SC

*Chatfield, Eugene Troy, NE

*Cole, Eusebius A. Western North Carolina, SE

Colley, Thomas E. Erie, NE

Davis, Henry L. Northwest Indiana, NC

Dewey, Elmer C. North Georgia, SE

Dibley, Joseph Michigan, NC

*Dunbar, Bertrand A. Dakota, NC

*Emery, Sam T. New England, NE

Farrar, George E. Florida, SE

*Garrison, Etheridge J. North Alabama, SE

*Gilligan, Henry Baltimore, NE

Hall, Sydney W. Oregon, W

Handy, William T. Louisiana, C

*Harrison, Hugh Detroit, NC

Heckman, Edgar R. Central Pennsylvania, NE

*Hole, J. Wesley Southern California-Arizona, W

Hillman, Edgar L. North Carolina, SE

*Imboden, Charles A. Illinois, NC

*James, Paul G. Iowa-Des Moines, NC

*Jones, Everett W. Pittsburgh, NE

*Kirby, Andrew J. Western North Carolina, SE

Lee, John W.	Louisiana, SC
McDade, Edwin C.	Nebraska, SC
McIlwain, A. Thomas	North Mississippi, SE
McKenney, Stephen S.	Texas, SC
*McNear, Alexander S.	Newark, NE
Madison, John V.	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Miller, Mrs. E. Bee	Ohio, NC
Miller, Frederick A.	Northern New York, NE
*Miller, Jesse E.	Southern Illinois, NC
Milnes, Harry E.	California, W
Moore, Joseph G.	Indiana, NC
*Morgan, James T.	Kentucky, SE
Mulligan, Thomas C.	Peninsula, NE
Olmstead, J. Harrison	Genesee, NE
Pedersen, Frederick L.	Pacific Northwest, W
Prothro, Charles W.	Savannah, C
Robinson, William W.	North Indiana, NC
Riley, Philip E.	Central Texas, SC
Rising, Loyd H.	Minnesota, NC
Root, Herbert J.	Central Kansas, SC
Scully, Richard E.	Ohio, NC
*Shappell, Mrs. William E.	Philadelphia, NE
*Shaw, Harry	West Virginia, NE
Stafford, Thomas A.	Northern Minnesota, NC
Stevens, Frank F.	Missouri, SC
Stephens, Frank G. H.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Stottlemire, Frank E.	North-East Ohio, NC
Tadlock, Charles W.	St. Louis, SC
*Thrasher, Tigner E.	South Georgia, SE
*Timmons, Mrs. C. H.	Rock River, NC
*Thompkins, Oscar L.	Alabama, SE
*Toppass, Mrs. O. M.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Watson, Elias C.	North Alabama, SE
Wells, Arthur M.	Illinois, NC
*Westerman, John H.	New York, NE
White, Edwin E.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Williamson, Nate S.	Mississippi, SE

NO. 7. CONFERENCES

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Mission, District, Quarterly and Church Conferences and Missions and Annual Meetings.

GEORGE W. HENSON, *Chairman*; WILLIAM A. LAMBETH, *Vice-Chairman*; JOHN R. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

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Andrews, Henry M.	Alabama, SE
*Asbury, Miss Hattie M.	Indiana, NC

*Batts, William O.	Tennessee, SE
Beckstrom, John M.	Norwegian-Danish, NC
*Boudet, Moises	Cuba, SE
*Caldwell, Gibson	North Texas, SC
*Carothers, Manville	Missouri, SC
Cheyney, Harold E.	Newark, NE
*Cole, James R.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Currie, Miss Margaret	Maine, NE
Das, Amar	Northwest India, OS
*Dunlap, Mrs. E. B.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Dunn, William N.	Baltimore, NE
Edelmaier, Edward D.	Kentucky, SE
Farmer, Roy I.	North-East Ohio, NC
Fibley, Fremont E.	North Indiana, NC
*Gaede, John C.	Kansas, SC
*Galvin, Clyde	Michigan, NC
Gough, Edward T.	Upper Iowa, NC
*Gray, Mrs. Claude M.	Central Kansas, SC
Hagen, Odd A.	Norway, OS
Hagner, Feodor	East German, NE
*Hall, Dick H.	North Mississippi, SE
*Harman, J. Lewie	Louisville, SE
*Harris, Nat.	Central Texas, SC
Hartman, Lewis O.	New England, NE
*Hawkins, A. K.	Florida, SE
Henson, George W.	Philadelphia, NE
*Holmes, Harry N.	New York East, NE
Hunt, Brunner M.	Mississippi, SE
*Ingram, Ben L.	North Alabama, SE
Judd, Albert G.	Northern New York, NE
Keen, Samuel A.	Genesee, NE
Kenney, John R.	California, W
Lambeth, William A.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Lo, Ren-Yen	Kiangsi, OS
*Long, Mrs. Ruth	Ohio, NC
*Loucks, Charles O.	Rock River, NC
*Lowman, Harmon L.	Texas, SC
Mahoney, Carl K.	Pacific Northwest, W
Martin, Isaac P.	Holston, SE
*McKinnon, Miss Sallie L.	North Carolina, SE
*McMurry, William F.	Memphis, SE
*Mondol, Hrit K.	Bengal, OS
*Monsees, Edward A.	Southwest Texas, C
Ongle, David	Hyderabad, OS
*Page, Mrs. R. E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Parker, Franklin N.	Louisiana, SC

*Poffenberger, Alvin C.	New Jersey, NE
Prater, J. D.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Riatt, Earl	Nebraska, SC
*Rauschkolb, Fred G.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Redd, John H.	Virginia, SE
Reynolds, Calvin C.	South Carolina, C
*Roberts, Warren	South Georgia, SE
*Robertson, Milton C.	North-East Ohio, NC
Rockey, Clement D.	North India, OS
Rosenberger, Silas W.	Ohio, NC
Simpson, John A.	South Florida, C
*Sproul, Robert C.	Pittsburgh, NE
Stanton, Daniel H.	Atlanta, C
Stater, Charles G.	West Virginia, NE
Stromberg, Fred	Central Northwest, NC
Sydenstricker, Hubert	Virginia, SE
Weis, LeRoy L.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Welliver, Lester A.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Wells, Jere A.	North Georgia, SE
*Wiley, Henry S.	Illinois, NC
Willson, E. Ray	Detroit, NC
*Willson, James M.	Northwest Texas, SC

NO. 8. STATE OF THE CHURCH

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to evangelism, social service, temperance (and the Board of Temperance,) labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

ERNEST F. TITTLE, *Chairman*; *FRED B. NOBLE, *Vice-Chairman*;
*HARRY DENMAN, *Secretary*.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1940

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*Frey, V. Max (2)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Fribley, Fremont E. (7)	North Indiana, NC
*Gaede, John C. (7)	Kansas, SC
*Galvin, Clyde (7)	Michigan, NC
Garber, Paul N. (5)	Western North Carolina, SE
Garrett, William B. (8)	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Garrison, Etheridge J. (6)	North Alabama, SE
*Gates, W. Edgar (8)	Nebraska, SC
Geissinger, E. Lamont (4)	Nebraska, SC
*Germany, Eugene B. (5)	North Texas, SC
Gershon, Edwin (8)	South India, OS
*Gettle, Homer R. (2)	North Indiana, NC
*Gibbs, Merton S. (8)	Genesee, NE
*Gibson, Miss Henrietta (4)	Troy, NE
*Gifford, Blaine H. (4)	Erie, NE
*Gilligan, Henry (6)	Baltimore, NE
Given, William M. (2)	West Virginia, NE
*Gobbel, Luther L. (3)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Godfrey, Mrs. F. Bartow (4)	Florida, SE
Golden, James W. (2)	Tennessee, C
Golding, Nat J. (4)	North Mississippi, SE
*Goode, Mrs. W. H. C. (4)	Ohio, NC
Goodwin, Levi P. (2)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Gough, Edward T. (7)	Upper Iowa, NC
*Gorick, Otto	Central Germany, OS
Graham, David R. (8)	Pittsburgh, NE
Grannum, Stanley E. (3)	West Texas, C
Grant, Thomas McM. (2)	North Carolina, SE
*Gray, Mrs. Claude M. (7)	Central Kansas, SC
*Greene, Walter K. (1)	North Carolina, SE
*Greenslit, Henry M. (1)	Nebraska, SC
Greer, Charles T. (5)	Erie, NE
Groenig, Ernest D. (3)	Minnesota, NC
Grummon, Arthur R. (8)	Illinois, NC
*Guilds, J. Caldwell (5)	South Carolina, SE
*Gutekunst, Immanuel	Southwest Germany, OS
Hagen, Odd A. (7)	Norway, OS
Hagner, Feodor (7)	East German, NE
*Hall, Dick H. (7)	North Mississippi, SE
Hall, Sydney W. (6)	Oregon, W

*Halmhuber, Paul G. (3)	Detroit, NC
*Hamelryk, Paul	Belgium, OS
*Hamm, Adolph S. (1)	Wyoming State, W
Hand, Howard E. (5)	Philadelphia, NE
Handy, William T. (6)	Louisiana, C
*Hanke, Charles W. (1)	St. Louis, SC
Hann, Edward F. (2)	New Jersey, NE
Hanna, Frank B. (1)	Illinois, NC
*Hanson, Ruth E.	Shantung, OS
Hargis, David H. (4)	Delaware, C
*Harman, J. Lewie (7)	Louisville, SE
Harmon, Nolan B., Jr. (5)	Virginia, SE
Harper, Robert H. (5)	Louisiana, SC
*Harrah, E. C. (5)	Colorado, W
Harrell, Costen J. (1)	Tennessee, SE
Harris, Frank E. (3)	Southern Illinois, NC
Harris, Innis D. (4)	Central Kansas, SC
Harris, M. Lafayette (3)	Lexington, C
*Harris, Nat (7)	Central Texas, SC
*Harrison, Hugh (6)	Detroit, NC
Harrison, William E. (1)	Detroit, NC
Hartinger, William C. (1)	Indiana, NC
Hartman, Lewis O. (7)	New England, NE
Hawk, Eugene B. (3)	Central Texas, SC
*Hawkins, A. K. (7)	Florida, SE
Hawver, H. Daniel (2)	New Hampshire, NE
Hayes, E. Pearce	Foochow, OS
Haymes, Joe O. (4)	Northwest Texas, SC
Haywood, John W. (3)	East Tennessee, C
Hearn, Walter A. (3)	Peninsula, NE
Heckman, Edgar R. (6)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Heer, Amos L. (3)	North-East Ohio, NC
Heinsohn, Edmund (8)	Southwest Texas, SC
Henry, Albert E. (8)	Central Kansas, SC
Henry, David W. (1)	Delaware, C
Henson, George W. (7)	Philadelphia, NE
*Herrigel, Fred, Jr. (2)	Newark, NE
Hertter, Johannes	South Germany, OS
Hertzog, William H. (4)	Idaho, W
*Hill, Rafael R.	East South America, OS
Hillman, Edgar L. (6)	North Carolina, SE
*Hillman, James N. (1)	Holston, SE
Hills, Roy O. (8)	Wyoming State, W
*Hindman, J. Clyde (1)	Southern Illinois, NC
*Hixson, Jerome C. (3)	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Hofmann, Gotthold	South Germany, OS
*Hole, J. Wesley (6)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Holland, Castle O. (3)	Louisiana, SC
Holland, Harvey C. (8)	North Georgia, SE
Holloway, Fred G. (3)	Baltimore, NE
*Hollis, Carl (5)	Little Rock, SC
*Holmes, Harry N. (7)	New York East, NE
Holmes, William W. (2)	Louisiana, SC
*Hood, Gurney P. (5)	North Carolina, SE
Hooper, T. Leroy (3)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Hoover, Arthur L. (8)	North-East Ohio, NC
Hough, Lynn H. (5)	New York East, NE
*Houston, Jamie G. (1)	North Mississippi, SE
Howard, Arthur R. (2)	South Carolina, C

Hughes, Alfred F. (3)	West Wisconsin, NC
Hughes, William A. C. (4)	Washington, C
Hummel, George W. (4)	Washington, C
Hunt, Brunner M. (7)	Mississippi, SE
*Hunt, Robert E.	Upper Mississippi, C
*Hunt, Walter L. (1)	Wyoming, NE
Hurtig, Karl J.	Finland-Swedish, OS
Huse, Raymond H. (5)	Central New York, NE
*Imboden, Charles A. (6)	Illinois, NC
*Ingram, Ben L. (7)	North Alabama, SE
*Isaac, Arthur K.	Malaya, OS
*Ivey, J. Ben (1)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Ivins, Lester D. (1)	Ohio, NC
*Jackson, Will W. (3)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Jacoby, Mrs. O. D. (4)	California, W
*Jahnsson, Sakari E.	Finland, OS
*James, Paul G. (6)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*James, Thomas L. (8)	Louisiana, SC
Jeffras, Charles W. (4)	New England, NE
Jennings, Berton L. (2)	California, W
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D. (1)	Texas, C
Johnson, Silas (5)	South Georgia, SE
Johnson, William R. (8)	Kiangsi, OS
*Johnston, Smith L. (1)	North Georgia, SE
*Jones, Charles A. (4)	Ohio, NC
*Jones, David D. (3)	North Carolina, C
Jones, Edward M. (2)	Central Alabama, C
*Jones, Everett W. (6)	Pittsburgh, NE
Jones, Frank B. (2)	Memphis, SE
Jones, Guy F. (5)	Texas, SC
*Jones, Harrison T. (5)	West Virginia, NE
Jones, J. Ira (8)	Ohio, NC
Jones, William T. (3)	Indiana, NC
Jordan, Fred J. (4)	West Wisconsin, NC
Jordan, G. Ray (2)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Jordan, Miles W. (8)	Texas, C
Judd, Albert G. (7)	Northern New York, NE
*Judd, Zebulon (1)	Alabama, SE
*Julian, Cornelio D.	Philippine North, OS
Kao, Feng-Shan	North China, OS
*Karlstrom, Edvin	Finland-Swedish, OS
Kaub, Louis H. (2)	Nebraska, SC
Kaung, Z. T.	China, OS
Kean, Roy N. (8)	Southern Illinois, NC
Keen, Samuel A. (7)	Genesee, NE
Kelley, Mark (3)	Troy, NE
*Kemp, Cary A. (2)	Central Kansas, SC
Kenney, John R. (7)	California, W
Kestle, Asa J. (2)	Ohio, NC
Ketcham, Charles B. (8)	Northeast Ohio, NC
*Kiang, Luther P. S. (1)	Central China, OS
*Kibler, Russell M. (8)	Indiana, NC
*Kiechel, Doane F. (2)	Nebraska, SC
King, James F. (1)	Southwest Missouri, SC
King, William P. (2)	North Georgia, SE
King, Willis J. (2)	Texas, C

*Kirby, Amos N. (1)	North Alabama, SE
*Kirby, Andrew J. (6)	Western North Carolina, SE
Kirk, Albert E. (3)	Central Kansas, SC
*Kirk, Walter F. (8)	Ohio, NC
Kitto, Charles W. (3)	Philadelphia, NE
*Kjolseth, John	Wisconsin, NC
*Knight, Miss Francis (8)	Detroit, NC
Knoles, Tully C. (3)	California, W
*Knox, William A. (1)	Dakota, NC
Kulp, Edmund J. (5)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Laeson, Miss Medina D.	Philippine, OS
LaGrone, Don H. (5)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Lamb, Mrs. Fred A. (4)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Lambeth, William A. (7)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Lance, Thomas J. (3)	North Georgia, SE
Langdale, John W. (2)	New York East, NE
*Lauer, Mrs. Harry (4)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Lazenby, Marion E. (5)	North Alabama, SE
*Lee, Miss Elizabeth M. (4)	Pittsburgh, NE
Lee, Handel (2)	Central China, OS
Lee, John W. (6)	Louisiana, SC
Lee, Samuel L. S.	North China, OS
Lee, Umphrey (3)	North Texas, SC
Legg, Albert E. (4)	Northern New York, NE
*Lightner, Lawrence H. (1)	Central West, C
*Lindsay, Mrs. F. F. (4)	Minnesota, NC
*Liu, I-Hsin	North China, OS
*Lo, Ren-Yen (7)	Kiangsi, OS
Lockridge, Frank E. (3)	Dakota, NC
*Long, Mrs. Ruth (7)	Ohio, NC
*Lord, A. Taylor (8)	Wyoming, NE
*Loring, Fred P. (1)	Maine, NE
Lott, Fred E. (3)	Wyoming, NE
*Loucks, Charles O. (7)	Rock River, NC
*Lowe, William O. (8)	Holston, SE
*Lowman, Harmon L. (7)	Texas, SC
Lugg, Thomas B. (3)	Illinois, NC
*Lynch, G. Stanley (1)	Philadelphia, NE
*Lynn, Lee, W. (1)	Central Alabama, C
Lyons, James L. (1)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Lyons, Leslie J. (8)	Southwest Missouri, SC
MacCaughey, Charles (4)	Pacific Northwest, W
*MacMullen, Stanley O. (5)	New England, NE
MacRossie, Allan (deceased) (3)	New York, NE
Madison, John V. (6)	Northwest Iowa, NC
Magee, John B. (3)	Upper Iowa, NC
Mahoney, Carl K. (7)	Pacific Northwest, W
Mandrelle, G. S. (2)	Bombay, OS
Marsh, Daniel L. (3)	New England, NE
Martin, Albert W. (2)	North Arkansas, SC
Martin, Arba (2)	Ohio, NC
*Martin, Boyce C. (4)	Central Texas, SC
Martin, Eldon H. (2)	Vermont, NE
Martin, Isaac P. (7)	Holston, SE
*Martin, LeClaire (8)	Upper Iowa, NC
Martin, Paul E. (1)	North Texas, SC
Martin, Willsie (2)	Southern California-Arizona, W

*Masland, J. Wesley (2)	Philadelphia, NE
Massey, George M. (2)	Lucknow, OS
Mather, Thomas B. (3)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Maxwell, Marvin M. (1)	North Georgia, SE
*McAllister, Reuben H. (5)	Mississippi, C
McCoy, Lee M. (3)	Upper Mississippi, C
*McCrea, Archie E. (1)	Michigan, NC
*McCullough, J. Bruce (8)	New England Southern, NE
McCune, Newell A. (5)	Michigan, NC
McCuskey, Roy (3)	West Virginia, NE
McDade, Edwin C. (6)	Nebraska, SC
*McDonald, Samuel J. (5)	South Carolina, C
*McDonald, T. Morton (4)	Indiana, NC
*McFall, Carl S. (1)	West Oklahoma, SC
*McGiffin, James (3)	Southern California-Arizona, W
McIlwain, A. Thomas (6)	North Mississippi, SE
*McKay, Leo H. (8)	Erie, NE
McKenney, Stephen S. (6)	Texas, SC
*McKibbin, Harold B. (1)	Central Kansas, SC
*McKinnon, Miss Sallie L. (7)	North Carolina, SE
McMillan, Kay W. (2)	West Texas, C
*McMurry, William F. (7)	Memphis, SE
*McNear, Alexander S. (6)	Newark, NE
McQueen, M. Wayne (5)	Northeast Ohio, NC
*McQuiston, Jackson C. (1)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Mead, Carlton E. (1)	New Mexico, SC
Meeks, Benjamin W. (5)	Baltimore, NE
Meeks, Charles M. (1)	South Georgia, SE
Meredith, Warren H. (8)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Mickelsen, M. E. (1)	Norwegian-Danish, NC
Miles, Minor C. (3)	West Virginia, NE
*Miller, Mrs. E. Bee (6)	Ohio, NC
Miller, Frederick A. (6)	Northern New York, NE
*Miller, Jesse E. (6)	Southern Illinois, NC
Miller, Leslie (5)	Kansas, SC
Mills, J. Walter (4)	Texas, SC
*Millsap, Miss Kathryn (4)	Central Kansas, SC
Milnes, Harry E. (6)	California, W
*Mobley, M. Randolph (4)	South Carolina, SE
Moisejenko, Sergei	Baltic and Slavic, OS
*Mondol, Hrit K. (7)	Bengal, OS
Mondol, Shot K. (2)	Bengal, OS
*Monsees, Edward A. (7)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Moore, Albert H. (3)	California, W
Moore, Aubrey S. (4)	Rock River, NC
Moore, James W. (4)	Virginia, SE
*Moore, John G. (8)	North Arkansas, SC
Moore, Joseph G. (6)	Indiana, NC
Morehead, Connor (5)	North Arkansas, SC
*Morelock, George L. (1)	Memphis, SE
*Morgan, Mrs. Joy E. (4)	Baltimore, NE
*Morgan, James T. (6)	Kentucky, SE
Morgan, Robert E. L. (2)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Morling, Mrs. May S. (4)	Northwest Iowa, NC
Morris, Robert F. (2)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Morrison, Fred E. (2)	Dakota, NC
Mueller, Fred W. (4)	Northeast Ohio, NC
Mulligan, Thomas C. (6)	Peninsula, NE
Mullikin, William L. (4)	Upper South Carolina, SE

*Munch, Herman	Denmark, OS
Myers, Harwood P. (3)	Virginia, SE
*Newby, Nathan (1)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Newell, Fred B. (4)	New York East, NE
*Newton, Herbert E. (5)	East Oklahoma, SC
*Nichols, Ray H. (5)	Northwest Texas, SC
*Nicholson, Mrs. Thomas (4)	Upper Iowa, NC
*Nien, H. K.	West China, OS
*Noble, Fred B. (8)	Florida, SE
Ocera, Arcadio de	Philippine, OS
*Odell, Albert G. (1)	Central New York, NE
*O'Farrell, Mrs. Josephine B.	Rhodesia, OS
O'Farrell, Thomas A.	Rhodesia, OS
Ogle, Edwin H. (2)	Holston, SE
Olmstead, J. Harrison (6)	Genesee, NE
Olson, Oscar T. (2)	Northeast Ohio, NC
On Kin (U) (8)	Burma, OS
Ongle, David (7)	Hyderabad, OS
*Ongle, Joshua (1)	Hyderabad, OS
*Oram, Miss E. Jean (4)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Orcutt, Louis E. (1)	Newark, NE
Ormond, Jesse M. (4)	North Carolina, SE
*Overstreet, Charles A. (8)	Little Rock, SC
*Page, Mrs. R. E. (7)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Parker, Franklin N. (7)	Louisiana, SC
*Parmar, Ranchod K. (8)	Gujarat, OS
Paschall, Fred W. (8)	North Carolina, SE
*Patterson, D. Stewart (3)	Baltimore, NE
*Patton, John A. (4)	Lexington, C
Pearce, William M. (3)	Northwest Texas, SC
Pedersen, Frederick L. (6)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Peel, David T. (4)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Peel, Mrs. Leon R. (4)	Northern Minnesota, NC
Pellowe, Albert H. (2)	Michigan, NC
*Pendorf, Henry C. (8)	Northern New York, NE
Pennell, Joseph R. (4)	Wyoming, NE
*Pennington, Mrs. Edythe M. (4)	Nebraska, SC
Perkins, Albert R. (2)	Kentucky, SE
*Perkins, William C. (5)	Pittsburgh, NE
Perry, James A. (8)	Troy, NE
Perry, John W. (4)	Holston, SE
Perry, John W. (1)	Wisconsin, NC
Petersen, Carl	Denmark, OS
*Peterson, Ernest W. (1)	Oregon, W
*Pewett, Mrs. Henkel (4)	North Arkansas, SC
*Phelps, Frank M. (8)	Oregon, W
*Phelps, William R. (1)	Virginia, SE
*Phillips, Ernest M. (1)	Northwest India, OS
Piper, Joseph D. (2)	Pittsburgh, NE
*Poffenberger, Alvin C. (7)	New Jersey, NE
*Pohlman, George (5)	Missouri, SC
Potts, J. Manning (2)	Virginia, SE
Prater, J. D. (7)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Pritchard, William P. (4)	New England Southern, NE
*Pritchett, Cassius J. (5)	Illinois, NC

- *Proper, Frank C. (5) New Jersey, NE
 Prothro, Charles W. (6) Savannah, C
 Pugh, A. Wesley (2) North Indiana, NC
 Pulliam, William G. (5) Illinois, NC
- *Quay, Ernest E. (5) Wyoming, NE
 Quillian, Paul W. (3) Texas, SC
 Quimby, Karl K. (4) Newark, NE
- Radcliffe, Lynn J. (8) Central New York, NE
 Raitt, Earl (7) Nebraska, SC
- *Randolph, Joseph B. (3) South Carolina, C
 Rankin, William P. (4) California, W
 Rape, C. Bertram West China, OS
 *Rarick, Clarence E. (3) Central Kansas, SC
 *Rauschkolb, Fred G. (7) Southern Illinois, NC
 *Raymond, Mrs. Frank (5) Detroit, NC
 *Redd, John H. (7) Virginia, SE
 Reed, Marshall R. (2) Detroit, NC
 *Reger, Roy (8) West Virginia, NE
 *Regnell, Arthur F. (1) Central Northwest, NC
 *Reimers, Christian (3) Norway, OS
 *Reineke, George F. (5) Minnesota, NC
 Reves, Claude M. (2) Little Rock, SC
 Reyna, Flor F. (4) Cuba, SE
 Reynolds, Calvin C. (7) South Carolina, C
 Rice, Samuel C. (1) Kentucky, SE
 *Ricks, John H. Liberia, OS
 Riley, Philip S. (6) Central Texas, SC
 Rising, Lloyd H. (6) Minnesota, NC
 Rives, John J. (2) Virginia, SE
 Roadman, Earl A. (3) Northwest Iowa, NC
 *Robb, James L. (3) Holston, SE
 *Robbins, Charles A. (1) Pacific Northwest, W
 *Roberts, George C. (1) New England, NE
 *Roberts, Warren (7) South Georgia, SE
 *Roberts, William D. (1) Upper South Carolina, SE
 Robinson, Ernest W. (4) Maine, NE
 *Robinson, Milton C. (7) North-East Ohio, NC
 Robinson, William W. (6) North Indiana, NC
 Robison, Emmitt L. (2) Missouri, SC
 Rockey, Clement D. (7) North India, OS
 Root, Herbert J. (6) Central Kansas, SC
 *Rosell, Paul F. (4) Sweden, OS
 *Rosenberger, John H. (1) Virginia, SE
 Rosenberger, Silas W. (7) Ohio, NC
 *Roudebush, Roy R. (4) North Indiana, NC
 Rowe, Gilbert T. (8) Western North Carolina, SE
 Rumble, Lester (3) North Georgia, SE
 Ryan, Harry G. (2) North Texas, SC
 *Ryder, Frank H. (1) Troy, NE
- Sabenes, Julio M. East South America, OS
 *Sageser, Mrs. Claude G. (8) Kentucky, SE
 Schatzman, Albert G. (4) Ohio, NC
 *Schiefelbein, Ernest S. (5) Nebraska, SC
 Schisler, John Q. (3) North Arkansas, SC
 Schlagenauf, Ira E. (8) Wisconsin, NC

Schofield, Charles E. (3)	Colorado, W
Schwartz, Benjamin F. (3)	Nebraska, SC
Score, J. N. R. (2)	Central Texas, SC
Scully, Richard E. (6)	Ohio, NC
Searles, John W. (3)	Genesee, NE
*Sexton, Mrs. George S., Jr. (4)	Louisiana, SC
Shaffer, Frank L. (2)	West Virginia, NE
*Shappell, Mrs. William E. (6)	Philadelphia, NE
*Shaw, Harry (6)	West Virginia, NE
Shaw, J. Beverly F. (2)	Mississippi, C
Shaw, William E. (4)	Illinois, NC
Shelton, Floyd B. (3)	Holston, SE
Shelton, William A. (3)	North Alabama, SE
*Shepard, Charles L. (8)	South Georgia, SE
*Sherrod, Charles C. (1)	Holston, SE
Shipman, Raymond M. (4)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Shockley, Orlando M. (4)	Peninsula, NE
Short, Roy H. (2)	Louisville, SE
*Sia, Dr. Ruby	Foochow, OS
Sigg, Ferdinand (4)	Switzerland, OS
Simmonds, James P. (5)	Ohio, NC
Simpson, John A. (7)	South Florida, C
*Simpson, Leverett J. (5)	Genesee, NE
*Singh, Victor	North India, OS
Skillington, James E. (8)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Slack, William B. (4)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Slaton, John T. (4)	Kentucky, SE
Slaughter, Dow P. (4)	Alabama, SE
*Slaughter, Nathaniel G. (5)	North Georgia, SE
Sloan, Harold P. (3)	New Jersey, NE
*Slutz, Frank D. (3)	Ohio, NC
*Smiley, Earl (1)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Smith, Benjamin F. (2)	Lexington, C
*Smith, Chester A. (8)	New York, NE
Smith, Horace G. (3)	Rock River, NC
*Smith, H. W. B. (1)	Savannah, C
Smith, Leonard B. (4)	Baltimore, NE
Smith, Phillips B. (3)	North Indiana, NC
*Smith, Robert J. (2)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Smith, Robert J. (8)	West Oklahoma, SC
Smith, Roy L. (4)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Snively, Herschel R. (1)	Illinois, NC
*Snyder, Henry N. (3)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Snyder, Wilbur M. (8)	Pacific Northwest, W
Sockman, Ralph W. (4)	New York, NE
Sommer, J. W. Ernst	Southwest Germany, OS
Soto, Felix E. (2)	Southwest Mexican, SC
Spaulding, Walter B. (4)	Montana, W
Spellman, L. U. (2)	Southwest Texas, SC
*Spencer, Robert B. (4)	Colorado, W
Sprague, Horace A. (8)	Louisville, SE
*Sproul, Robert C. (7)	Pittsburgh, NE
Stafford, Thomas A. (6)	Northern Minnesota, NC
Stanbury, Walter A. (4)	Western North Carolina, SE
Stansell, Robert B. (2)	Wisconsin, NC
Stanton, Daniel H. (7)	Atlanta, C
*Staten, William H. (2)	Delaware, C
Stater, Charles G. (7)	West Virginia, NE
*Stchl, Heinrich	Northwest Germany, OS

Stemler, Max	Central Germany, OS
*Stevens, Benjamin M. (7)	Mississippi, SE
*Stevens, Frank F. (6)	Missouri, SC
Stevens, Frank G. H. (6)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Stone, Fred D. (5)	Rock River, NC
*Stottlemire, Frank E. (6)	North-East Ohio, NC
Stout, Harrison E. (2)	North-East Ohio, NC
Stromberg, Fred (7)	Central Northwest, NC
*Stromberg, Sven (3)	Eastern Swedish, NE
*Strong, Dennis (1)	Detroit, NC
*Stuck, Charles A. (1)	North Arkansas, SC
Subhan, John A. (8)	Indus River, OS
*Sullivan, J. Magruder (1)	Mississippi, SE
Sutherland, Benjamin L. (5)	Mississippi, SE
*Sweet, Evander M. (1)	California, W
*Sweet, Mrs. Paul W. (3)	Pacific Northwest, W
Sydenstricker, Hubert (7)	Virginia, SE
*Sykes, W. Clyde (1)	Northern New York, NE
*Sze, Ieu W.	China, OS
Tadlock, Charles W. (6)	St. Louis, SC
Taggart, James H. (2)	Southwest, C
Talikka, Peter	Finland, OS
Tarwater, Oliver R. (2)	Holston, SE
*Tatum, Mrs. S. Homer (4)	Memphis, SE
*Taylor, Dean (1)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Templin, Leslie G. (4)	Gujarat, OS
Templin, Lester R. (5)	Central Kansas, SC
Thomas, J. S. Ladd (8)	Philadelphia, NE
Thrall, Charles H. (2)	Illinois, NC
*Thrasher, Tigner E. (6)	South Georgia, SE
Timerman, Donald (2)	Ohio, NC
*Timmons, Mrs. C. H. (6)	Rock River, NC
Tittle, Ernest F. (8)	Rock River, NC
*Tompkins, Oscar L. (6)	Alabama, SE
*Toppass, Mrs. O. M. (6)	Southwest Missouri, SC
Ts'ui, Hiram H.	Shantung, OS
Tucker, Frank C. (4)	Missouri, SC
*Tyler, Mrs. Fannie D. (1)	Washington, C
*Uetoo, Harry	Baltic and Slavic, OS
Underwood, James E. (5)	Memphis, SE
Upperman, Harry L. (3)	Tennessee, SE
*Utz, William H., Jr. (1)	Missouri, SC
*Vancura, Mrs. Martha	Czechoslovak, OS
Vancura, Vaclav	Czechoslovak, OS
*Vazquez, Alfredo G. (3)	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Venegas, Arturo	Chile, OS
*Vickery, William M. (3)	West Oklahoma, SC
*Walker, Mrs. A. R. (4)	St. Louis, SC
Wark, Homer E. (4)	West Virginia, NE
Warmer, George A. (3)	Southern California-Arizona, W
Washabaugh, J. Edgar (5)	Newark, NE
Wasson, Lovick P. (2)	North Mississippi, SE
*Watkins, Wilson P. (8)	West Wisconsin, NC
*Watson, Elias C. (6)	North Alabama, SE
Way, George K. (1)	South Carolina, SE

Weaver, Charles C. (4)	Western North Carolina, SE
Weaver, G. Charles (2)	Genesee, NE
Weis, LeRoy L. (7)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Welch, Edgar T. (1)	Eric, NE
Welliver, Lester A. (7)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Wells, Arthur M. (6)	Illinois, NC
*Wells, Jere A. (7)	North Georgia, SE
*Wells, Luther W. (4)	Virginia, SE
*Werner, Mrs. H. E. (4)	Kansas, SC
*Westen, Miss May (4)	South India, OS
*Westerman, John H. (6)	New York, NE
*Whitcher, Frank (1)	West Wisconsin, NC
White, Edwin E. (6)	Northwest Texas, SC
*White, Horace H. (1)	Louisiana, SC
*Whitmore, Ben A. (5)	Tennessee, SE
Wicker, Rufus E. (2)	Florida, SE
*Wilcox, William H. (1)	East Oklahoma, SC
*Wiley, Henry S. (7)	Illinois, NC
Williams, G. Ellis (2)	Baltimore, NE
Williams, Hugh E. (3)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Williams, Robert (3)	Ohio, NC
Williams, Robert M. (3)	Washington, C
*Williams, William J. (1)	Kansas, SC
*Williamson, Nate S. (6)	Mississippi, SE
Willson, E. Ray (7)	Detroit, NC
*Willson, James M. (7)	Northwest Texas, SC
Wilmot, William G.	Belgium, OS
*Wilson, Mrs. Byron H. (5)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Wilson, Herbert S. (3)	Delaware, C
*Wimberly, Rudolph S. (3)	South Georgia, SE
Winchester, Robert W. (2)	North Carolina, C
*Windells, Charles M.	East German, NE
Winter, Charles E.	Hingham, OS
*Wiseman, William H. (4)	Tennessee, SE
Wishard, B. F. (4)	Central Provinces, OS
Womeldorf, Paul D. (8)	Central Kansas, SC
*Woosley, Oscar V. (1)	Western North Carolina, SE
Worley, Lloyd F. (8)	New York East, NE
Wright, Louis C. (3)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Wysner, Glora M. (4)	North Africa, OS
*Yard, Mrs. George W. (4)	New Jersey, NE
Yates, Earl U. (5)	Southern Illinois, NC
Yoak, John B. F., Jr. (5)	West Virginia, NE
*Yocum, J. Lee (1)	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Yoder, D. P. (1)	Northwest Texas, SC
Young, Claude (5)	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Zimmerman, Henry M. (5)	Kentucky, SE
Zottele, Pedro	Chile, OS

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

*Before a name means Lay Delegate. Abbreviations in right-hand column after the names of the Conferences: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conferences. The first number in parentheses (5-10) indicates the number of the Report of the Committee on Credentials; the second numeral the item in the Report showing for whom the reserve was seated. These Reports are found in the Appendix under "Reports of Administrative Committees." All reserve delegates took the place of their principal delegate as a member of the General Standing Legislative Committees, 1 to 8 inclusive.

Abernathy, John R.	West Oklahoma, SC
Ackley, Howard C.	Troy, NE
Adams, Joseph M.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Adkins, Frederic P.	Peninsula, NE
Adkins, Leon M.	Troy, NE
*Adrianson, Roy O.	Michigan, NC
Akin, J. Grover	Louisville, SE
Albertson, Cyrus E.	Pacific Northwest, W
Alderson, William H.	New York East, NE
*Alexander, David W.	Western North Carolina, SE
Alsworth, William B.	Mississippi, SE
Alton, John T.	Ohio, NC
Amstutz, Hobart B.	Malaya, OS
*Andersen, Haakon (1-13)	Norway, OS
Anderson, Erwin P.	Tennessee, SE
*Anderson, W. G.	Central Kansas, SC
Andrews, James A.	California, W
*Aikman, John	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Arrington, Mrs. Paul	Mississippi, SE
*Ashcroft, Charles	North Texas, SC
*Asher, Mrs. T. W.	Illinois, NC
Atkins, Robert M.	Detroit, NC
*Atkins, Walter	Southern Illinois, NC
*Atkinson, Stephen G.	Detroit, NC
Auman, Lester W.	New York East, NE
*Ausman, L. E.	Dakota, NC
*Aya Ram, Samuel	Indus River, OS
*Ayres, Leake	Central Texas, SC
Ba Thwin	Burma, OS
Babcock, Sidney H.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Bailey, Frank M.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Bailey, Lowell E.	Maine, NE
*Baker, George	Troy, NE
Baker, W. Harrison	North Texas, SC
*Baldwin, Clinton D (1-25)	Maine, NE
*Baldwin, Howard	Detroit, NC
Balkuer, Friedrich (deceased)	Central Germany, OS
*Ballengee, Mrs. William H.	Virginia, SE
*Ballinger, Floyd L.	North Indiana, NC

Balloch, Henry C.	East South America, OS
Bankston, Samuel D.	South Florida, C
*Barber, D. Amos	Southwest Texas, SC
*Barclay, Mrs. Rhoda S.	Pittsburgh, NE
Barker, Alfred H.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Barnes, Clyde P. (10-3)	North-East Ohio, NC
Barnes, Seaton A.	Central Texas, SC
*Barnett, W. Kuhn	Holston, SE
*Barrett, Commodore A.	North Carolina, C
Bartley, Henry W.	Florida, C
Barton, Kostroma P.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Bass, Miss Allie M.	North India, OS
Batchelor, Sloan L.	Southwest Texas, SC
Bates, Cuthbert W.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Bauer, Paul	South Germany, OS
Baumhofer, Earl F.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Beall, Mrs. W. E.	Baltimore, NE
Becker, Arthur L.	Korean Mission Council, OS
Bee, L. E.	West Virginia, NE
Beebe, Albert E.	New York East, NE
*Beebe, Mrs. Albert E.	New York East, NE
Beisiegel, George H.	Southwest Germany, OS
Bell, C. Cooper	Virginia, SE
*Bell, C. W. (9-4)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Bengtson, J. P. (5-2)	Eastern Swedish, NE
Bengtson, William H.	Louisiana, SC
*Bennett, Luther	Peninsula, NE
Bennett, Reginald V.	Louisville, SE
*Benson, F. Murray	Baltimore, NE
Benson, John G.	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Bethea, George J.	South Carolina, SE
Bickley, C. Alonzo	Northwest Texas, SC
*Birney, Harry L.	New Mexico, SC
Birrell, John	West Wisconsin, NC
*Black, Orla E.	Erie, NE
*Blake, Edgar	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Bliss, Edwin P.	New England, NE
Blue, Willard H.	Tennessee, SE
Boicourt, George M.	Kansas, SC
*Bolden, George W.	South Carolina, C
Boone, Bolton	Southwest Texas, SC
Borgman, Joel E.	Central Northwest, NC
*Botts, Jay T.	Central Kansas, SC
Boyd, P. M.	Florida, SE
Bradley, Osborn W.	Texas, SC
Bradway, Henry L.	New Jersey, NE
Brandt, Charles E.	West Virginia, NE
Branscomb, John W. (6-5)	Florida, SE
Bransford, Wesley H.	North Indiana, NC
Brasher, John L.	North Alabama, SE
*Braswell, Sam M.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Breece, John T.	Indiana, NC
*Briscoe, Arthur E.	Washington, C
*Brockett, Howard R.	New York East, NE
*Brockett, Roy R.	Genesee, NE
*Brooks, E. Luther	Atlanta, C
Brooks, Robert N.	North Carolina, C
*Brown, Mrs. Maggie M.	West Texas, C
*Brown, Mrs. Porter	Central Kansas, SC

Brownlee, Thomas M.	Mississippi, SE
*Bruton, John F.	North Carolina, SE
Buck, Ernest F.	Kansas, SC
*Buford, Mrs. Reta E.	Illinois, NC
*Buhrman, Charles H.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Bunch, James H.	Florida, SE
*Burges, John P.	South Carolina, C
*Burgoon, Lowell D.	Ohio, NC
Burress, Robert N.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Burrows, Charles W.	Troy, NE
*Byars, Mrs. John P.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Calhoun, Galloway	Texas, SC
Calton, Asbury P.	North India, OS
Campbell, Clyde K.	New Mexico, SC
Campbell, James F.	Mississippi, SE
*Camphor, Mary A.	Delaware, C
*Canter, Noland M.	Virginia, SE
*Cantlin, Jacob	Rock River, NC
Carpenter, Guy O. (2-2)	Indiana, NC
*Carpenter, Irving	North-East Ohio, NC
Carroll, Thomas F.	Virginia, SE
*Carter, C. Leslie	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Carter, Fred A.	Holston, SE
Carter, George W.	Louisiana, C
*Cartmell, Burleigh E.	North-East Ohio, NC
Casaday, Thomas C. (1-2)	Alabama, SE
*Castle, Mrs. Elizabeth A. (1-4)	East Oklahoma, SC
Castoe, Walter P.	Ohio, NC
Caton, Andrew C.	Montana, W
*Cecil, Mrs. J. K.	California, W
Chadwick, John S. (5-7)	North Alabama, SE
*Chadwick, Willie C.	North Carolina, SE
Champlin, Norman P.	Newark, NE
*Chang, Jan	North China, OS
*Chang, Kuo-Tseng	North China, OS
Chappell, Clovis G.	West Oklahoma, SC
Chaudhury, Dan Singh	North India, OS
*Chi, Ting Hung	Yenping, OS
Chinn, Walter S.	Louisiana, C
Christensen, N. A.	California, W
Chunilal, Kalidas	Gujarat, OS
*Clancy, Rockwell F.	Rock River, NC
*Clark, B. Clyde	West Oklahoma, SC
*Clark, C. Todd	California, W
*Clark, Edward	Oregon, W
*Clark, Francis E.	Dakota, NC
*Clark, Samuel H. (2-10)	Newark, NE
Clark, Vestal C.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Clark, Warren N. (6-15)	Rock River, NC
Clarke, Hawes P.	Virginia, SE
Clay, Russell	Southern California-Arizona, W
Clements, Euston E.	Cuba, SE
*Cliffe, Albert W.	Philadelphia, NE
*Coates, Christopher G.	East South America, OS
Cockrell, Selwyn K.	Baltimore, NE
*Coe, Newton M.	Northern New York, NE
Coile, Claude C.	New York, NE

Cole, John L.	Troy, NE
*Collins, Mrs. Myron S.	West Virginia, NE
*Coltrane, Eugene J.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Colvin, Mrs. D. Leigh	New York, NE
*Condron, S. H.	Northwest Texas, SC
Conley, Carl H.	Gujarat, OS
*Conn, Amos L.	Ohio, NC
*Conrad, Earl	Nebraska, SC
*Cook, William V.	Genesee, NE
*Cooper, Bert L.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Cooper, Charles E.	Liberia, OS
*Cooper, Mrs. Grace	Pacific Northwest, W
Copeland, Kenneth W.	North Texas, SC
*Corey, Mrs. Ralph W.	West Wisconsin, NC
Corley, Jesse L. (5-15)	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Cossaboon, Leon	New Jersey, NE
Courtney, Homer W. (8-22)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Coward, Mrs. Bessie	Alabama, SE
Cox, Gilbert S.	Colorado, W
Crain, Orville E.	New England Southern, NE
Cram, Willard G. (2-4)	Kentucky, SE
Crampton, Earl H.	Delaware, C
Crawford, Thomas T.	Ohio, NC
Crockett, Ophel B. (2-3)	Kentucky, SE
Crolley, Nervey J.	Atlanta, C
Cropper, Walter V. (3-2)	Kentucky, SE
*Cross, H. J.	St. Louis, SC
Crossland, Weldon F. (7-3; 8-6)	Genesee, NE
*Crossman, George W.	North Dakota, NC
*Cullum, Will H.	North Texas, SC
Curry, Albert G.	Pittsburgh, NE
Curry, James C.	East Oklahoma, SC
Curry, Paul M.	Illinois, NC
*Curtis, Foss W.	West Virginia, NE
Curtis, Vivian C.	North Mississippi, SE
*Davenport, Louis N.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Davidson, Harry O. (1-16)	New Mexico, SC
Davies, James J. (7-25; 8-49; 9-18)	Northwest Iowa, NC
Davies, Sylvanus S.	Genesee, NE
Davis, Ernest E.	Genesee, NE
*Davis, Mrs. Frank	St. Louis, SC
*Davis, Lloyd E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Davis, Warren H.	New Hampshire, NE
Dawber, Mark A.	Wyoming, NE
Day, Albert E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Day, Roby F.	New York East, NE
Dell, Julian P.	South Georgia, SE
Dellinger, Walter H.	Central Kansas, SC
*DeLong, Clarence H.	Illinois, NC
DeMaris, Furman A.	New Jersey, NE
*Deneke, W. A.	St. Louis, SC
Dennis, Paul G.	Newark, NE
*Detwiler, Mrs. Alice S.	New Jersey, NE
Dewey, LeRoy L.	Michigan, NC
*Diekmann, John A.	Ohio, NC
Dietterich, A. Merritt	Genesee, NE
*Dieveler, Mrs. William	Philadelphia, NE
*Dildine, Mrs. Harry G.	Missouri, SC

Dill, Ralph L., Sr.	North Alabama, SE
*Dillinger, Ray	Illinois, NC
*Dillon, Mrs. B. E. (1-23)	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Dillon, Clyde A.	North Carolina, SE
Dixon, Lloyd E.	Kansas, SC
*Dobbins, Edgar Y.	New Jersey, NE
*Dobes, Mrs. Emilie	Czechoslovak, OS
Dobes, Joseph	Czechoslovak, OS
Donald, William C.	Detroit, NC
*Doran, John M.	Philadelphia, NE
*Douglas, Eva	North Africa, OS
Douglas, Mrs. Henrietta	Washington, C
*Downs, Mrs. Ward M.	West Virginia, NE
*Drake, Mrs. Mary	Tennessee, C
*Dryden, Kenneth H.	Nebraska, SC
Dsang, Lincoln	West China, OS
*Dubach, V. M. (1-10)	Kansas, SC
*Dudley, Albert H.	Baltimore, NE
Duncombe, Franklin	Philadelphia, NE
*Duncan, Claude E.	North Texas, SC
*DuRant, Charlton	South Carolina, SE
Durrett, John	Tennessee, SE
*Duval, Louis W.	Florida, SE
*Eakes, M. M.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Eanes, E. Ennis	Virginia, SE
*Earp, William L.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Easter, John E.	Virginia, SE
Eastwood, C. Glenn	West Virginia, NE
*Eberhart, Ennis K.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Echols, Timothy B.	West Texas, C
*Edgar, John W.	Colorado, W
Edwards, Fred C.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Edwards, John R.	Baltimore, NE
*Edwards, Joseph R.	Central Texas, SC
*Edwards, N. Walter	Montana, W
*Eells, Linden L.	Nebraska, SC
Egeland, E. Morris	Norwegian-Danish, NC
Ekholm, Torsten S.	Finland-Swedish, OS
*Elkins, Robert A.	Memphis, SE
*Elliott, David (deceased)	Colorado, W
*Elliott, Loren J.	North Indiana, NC
*Elliott, William J.	Philadelphia, NE
*Elliott, Wesley T.	Virginia, SE
*Ellis, Mrs. Elizabeth K.	Southwest, C
*Ellison, John T.	Alabama, SE
Ellison, Robert R.	Alabama, SE
*Ellzey, Tom V.	Northwest Texas, SC
Emig, Laurence W. G. (3-8)	New England, NE
Ericson, C. G.	Eastern Swedish, NE
*Erikson, Louise	Sweden, OS
*Erwin, A. Ford	Ohio, NC
Estes, Lud H.	Memphis, SE
*Eubanks, Thaddus H.	Savannah, C
Eva, Sidney D.	Detroit, NC
Evans, John E.	Illinois, NC
*Evans, William C.	New York East, NE
*Farmer, Mrs. H. R.	Southwest Missouri, SC

Fansher, Guy J.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Faw, Walter W.	Tennessee, SE
*Feis, Elmer C.	Nebraska, SC
*Feng, G. H.	Hinghwa, OS
Ferguson, Clarence F.	South Carolina, C
*Ferguson, Charles W.	West Virginia, NE
Ferguson, John L.	Tennessee, SE
*Few, William W.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Fields, Mrs. Bessie H.	Southwest, C
*Fifer, Mrs. O. W.	Indiana, NC
Fitch, Frank L.	Detroit, NC
*Fithian, John E.	North-East Ohio, NC
Foglesong, William H.	West Virginia, NE
Foster, Lloyd E.	Newark, NE
Foster, Robert B. (8-28)	Ohio, NC
*Foucar, Otto	Southwest Germany, OS
*Foust, John L.	Louisville, SE
*Fox, Donald T.	Colorado, W
Frazier, John W.	Alabama, SE
*French, Mrs. H. A.	Kansas, SC
Frye, Glenn M.	Michigan, NC
*Fulmer, Harry C.	Upper Iowa, NC
*Furrer, Ernst	Switzerland, OS
Galbraith, John A.	Erie, NE
*Galloway, Sam	North Arkansas, SC
Gamble, Foster K. (5-8)	North Alabama, SE
*Gammons, Herman T.	New England, NE
Gardner, Nelson S.	Central Kansas, SC
Garrett, Elza N.	Missouri, SC
Garth, Schuyler E. (9-15)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Gary, John	Oregon, W
*Gerig, E. S.	North Indiana, NC
*Gibbs, William H.	Central Texas, SC
*Gibson, Miss Gladys	Central Kansas, SC
*Goddard, J. J.	North Alabama, SE
Goddard, Oscar E.	North Arkansas, SC
*Goetz, Joe A.	North Arkansas, SC
Goff, Charles R.	Rock River, NC
Goodloe, Robert W.	Central Texas, SC
*Goodrich, Harry	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Goodsell, Guy	Oregon, W
*Gordon, Darius G.	Indiana, NC
Gordon, Harry A.	Central Kansas, SC
*Gorskis, Nikolai	Baltic and Slavic, OS
*Grace, J. Harry	Baltimore, NE
Grant, Luther R.	Central West, C
*Grantham, Kenneth H.	West Oklahoma, SC
Gray, James M. M.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Green, John D. (6-11)	North-East Ohio, NC
*Greenlee, Jacob A.	West Virginia, NE
Greer, Robert E. (5-3)	Holston, SE
*Gregory, Lucius	Virginia, SE
Grospe, Felix J.	Philippine North, OS
Gross, John O.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Gueerry, Thomas H.	South Georgia, SE
Gulab, Albert	North India, OS
Gunby, Walter E.	Peninsula, NE
*Gundimi, N. S.	South India, OS

Gunn, Elmer C.	Louisiana, SC
*Gunn, Eddy S.	Minnesota, NC
*Gutekunst, Arthur S.	Missouri, SC
*Guyer, Mrs. Laura V.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Hakeem, James H.	North India, OS
Hale, Lyman L.	Central China, OS
*Haley, Paul S.	North Alabama, SE
Hall, Claude C.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Hall, Elias W.	Mississippi, C
*Hall, Joseph B.	Pacific Northwest, W
Hallman, Ernest C.	Peninsula, NE
Halmhuber, J. Adolph	Detroit, NC
Hamilton, Hugh K.	California, W
Hamlett, Earl G.	Memphis, SE
*Hammond, Charlie P. (7-23; 9-29)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Hammons, John D.	Little Rock, SC
Hemrick, W. L.	Mississippi, SE
Hand, J. Phelps	Baltimore, NE
Hankins, Charles B.	Nebraska, SC
*Hanner, Guy M.	Colorado, W
*Hanscom, Miss Mary	California, W
Hanson, Harry A.	North India, OS
Hardin, H. Carter	Florida, SE
*Harker, Elmer	Illinois, NC
*Harmer, Mrs. Harvey W.	West Virginia, NE
Harold, Ernest F. (5-13)	Pacific Northwest, W
Harper, Marvin H.	Central Provinces, OS
Harrell, Luther A.	South Georgia, SE
Harris, John W.	West Wisconsin, NC
*Harris, Rup Lall	North India, OS
Harris, William M. (7-10)	North Alabama, SE
*Harrison, Dallas	Upper Iowa, NC
*Harshbarger, Charles C.	Northwest Iowa, NC
*Harshbarger, Clyde L.	West Virginia, NE
*Hart, Mrs. Carl S.	Erie, NE
*Hartman, Ernest V.	Michigan, NC
*Hartman, J. Leo	North-East Ohio, NC
Hatcher, Samuel C.	Virginia, SE
*Hathcock, Mrs. Alfred	North Arkansas, SC
Hausser, Fred C.	East German, NE
Havighurst, Lawrence D.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Hawk, John C.	China, OS
*Hawkins, Walter D.	Mississippi, SE
Hawkins, Warren O. (4-3)	North-East Ohio, NC
Hawley, John W. (3-11)	Pittsburgh, NE
Hayes, Leonidas B.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Hayes, Robert B.	Louisiana, C
Hazzard, Lowell B.	Illinois, NC
Hebblethwaite, Robert C.	Central New York, NE
*Hedden, Henry	Memphis, SE
*Helsel, Mrs. F. L.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Henderson, Newton C.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Hendricks, Pacific	Indiana, NC
Henninger, F. LaMont (6-1)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Henriksson, Gideon	Sweden, OS
*Henry, Joseph S.	West Texas, C
*Henwood, Thomas C.	Wyoming, NE
Hickman, Frank S.	North Carolina, SE

*Hickok, Mrs. Clarence R.	Wyoming, NE
Hicks, Guy M.	Louisiana, SC
*Hicks, Jasper B.	North Carolina, SE
Hicks, Thomas G.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Higby, David B.	Erie, NE
Hightower, William H.	Texas, C
*Hillman, Mrs. Edgar L. (2-12)	North Carolina, SE
Hillman, Paul M.	Nebraska, SC
*Hilton, Maurice D.	North India, OS
Hinkle, David E.	Tennessee, SE
*Hite, Leonard R.	Holston, SE
*Hoath, Miss Ruth	North India, OS
Hobbs, Andrew J.	North Carolina, SE
*Hobbs, George N.	Kentucky, SE
*Holcombe, Mrs. H. J.	Ohio, NC
*Holladay, Oscar K.	Tennessee, SE
*Holland, Mrs. Lillie V.	Mississippi, C
*Holler, James C.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Holliday, Robert C.	Missouri, SC
*Hollinger, Mrs. Harvey H.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Hollingsworth, Mrs. Horace S. (1-8)	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Holloway, Parker B.	Newark, NE
*Hope, Miss B. Marion	New England Southern, NE
Hoppe, Louis E.	Holston, SE
Horn, Nelson P.	Kansas, SC
Horton, John L.	Memphis, SE
House, Will C. (4-4; 7-15; 9-21)	Northwest Texas, SC
Howard, Thomas G.	East Tennessee, C
*Howe, Charles P. (7-19)	Pittsburgh, NE
Howe, Te-An	North China, OS
Huber, Paul	South Germany, OS
*Huckle, Thomas O.	Michigan, NC
Huebner, Paul F.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Huehn, Kermith S.	Upper Iowa, NC
*Huffor, Earl	Texas, SC
Hughes, Cymbrid	Maine, NE
Humphrey, William D.	Illinois, NC
*Hunt, R. L.	Mississippi, SE
Hunter, Harry P.	St. Louis, SC
Huntington, Harry F.	Nebraska, SC
Hyvarinen, Anton H.	Finland, OS
*Hyvarinen, Mrs. Elli	Finland, OS
Imler, D. Joseph	New England, NE
*Ingram, Irvine S.	North Georgia, SE
Isbell, Hugh O.	St. Louis, SC
*Jackson, Harry S.	New Jersey, NE
*Jackson, Mrs. Irma G.	Louisiana, C
*Jackson, James R.	Rock River, NC
*Jacob, Faniel	North India, OS
Jacobs, Disston W.	Peninsula, NE
*Jacobs, George A.	Wisconsin, NC
Jacobs, Leo G.	North Indiana, NC
James, Glenn C.	Florida, SE
*James, James A. (5-14; 6-16)	Rock River, NC
*Jeffers, Dwight S.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Jenkins, Claude C.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Jewett, Lavinia B. (7-1)	Delaware, C

Johansen, Bernard	Nebraska, SC
*Johnson, Arthur	Sweden, OS
*Johnson, Mrs. A. C. (6-8; 10-1)	Louisville, SE
Johnson, Arthur J.	Wisconsin, NC
*Johnson, Erick W.	Central Northwest, NC
*Johnson, Frank S.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Johnson, Mrs. Ina B.	Kiangsi, OS
*Johnston, Ted L.	Louisiana, SC
Jolley, Cola N.	Memphis, SE
*Jones, Earle W.	Detroit, NC
Jones, Elmer	Northwest Indiana, NC
Jones, E, Stanley	North India, OS
Jones, George D.	New Jersey, NE
*Jones, Miss Ida R.	North Carolina, C
*Jones, James A.	Western North Carolina, SE
Jones, W. Gray	Wyoming, NE
Jorns, Elza L.	East Oklahoma, SC
Jose, John F.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Joy, James R. (1-18)	Newark, NE
*Kaller, K. G.	New York East, NE
*Kao, Hsia C.	Central China, OS
*Kaufman, Mrs. Albert C.	Northern Minnesota, NC
Keck, Herbert A.	Indiana, NC
Keiser, Roy N.	Philadelphia, NE
Keller, J. W.	Savannah, C
*Kennedy, Mrs. R. C.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Kess, Theodore W.	Washington, C
*Khanker, Dhanji K.	Gujarat, OS
Kilpatrick, Lester A.	Michigan, NC
Kimbrough, Spencer O.	North Alabama, SE
King, H. M.	Southwest Texas, SC
Kirkpatrick, Charlie S.	Western North Carolina, SE
Klaus, LeRoy H.	Minnesota, NC
Klein, George F. (deceased)	Colorado, W
*Knapp, Arthur	Southern Illinois, NC
*Knight, Paul S.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Knight, Will L.	North Carolina, SE
Knuckles, Gabriel E.	Liberia, OS
*Kolb, Edgar A.	Ohio, NC
Konkel, Guy E.	Colorado, W
Krider, Walter W.	North Indiana, NC
*Krill, Mrs. Charles A. (5-5)	Michigan, NC
*Kyle, William J.	Central West, C
Lacy, Carleton	Kiangsi, OS
*Laird, John	Pacific Northwest, W
*Lamar, George H.	Baltimore, NE
*Lambeth, James E. (4-9)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Langford, Miss Elizabeth S.	Lexington, C
*Law, Clyde O. (1-24)	West Virginia, NE
*Lawrence, Henry F.	Missouri, SC
Lee, Jesse	Texas, SC
LeMaster, Mrs. Robert R.	Southwest Texas, SC
Le Sourd, Mrs. Howard M. (10-2)	New England, NE
Lester, Merrill O.	North Indiana, NC
*Levering, Fred R.	Pacific Northwest, W
*Lewis, Fred A.	Genesee, NE
Lewis, George W.	Tennessee, C

*Lewis, Vernon E.	Montana, W
*Leza, Graciella	Cuba, SE
*Li, D. Y.	West China, OS
Li, Jung-Fang	North China, OS
Li, T'ien L. (2-15)	Shantung, OS
Lihndaker, Herbert	Sweden, OS
Lin, M. G.	Hinghwa, OS
*Lindemann, Alfred M.	Southwest Texas, SC
Lindsay, Norman W. (1-14; 8-17)	North Africa, OS
Lineberry, Frank W.	North Indiana, NC
Lipp, C. F.	South India, OS
Lipscomb, Luther N.	Northwest Texas, SC
Lister, Walter F.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Liu Ch'ien J.	Shantung, OS
*Lloyd, James	Philadelphia, NE
Logan, Stanley G.	Pacific Northwest, W
Long, Nathaniel G.	North Georgia, SE
Loomis, Harry B.	Northern New York, NE
Lord, R. Guy	North Mississippi, SE
Lott, William R.	North Mississippi, SE
Love, Earnest C.	Northern New York, NE
Love, Edgar A. (6-18)	Washington, C
Love, Franklin S.	North Carolina, SE
*Love, Marvin F.	North Texas, SC
Lowther, Edgar A.	California, W
*Lowther, James W.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
MacDonald, George A.	New York, NE
*Macwan, Dungar J.	Gujarat, OS
*Maddela, Vicente	Philippine North, OS
*Magno, Victorino P.	Philippine, OS
*Maier, Mrs. Henry W.	North-East Ohio, NC
Major, John R. T.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Malin, Frank	Kentucky, SE
Malmquist, Carl H.	Central Northwest, NC
*Malone, Ed R. (1-1; 8-35)	Alabama, SE
*Mann, Earl M.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Manuel, Eusebio M. (9-26)	Philippine, OS
*Marable, David A.	Central Alabama, C
*Marr, Philip M. (1-12)	Missouri, SC
*Marsh, J. F.	West Virginia, NE
Marshall, Wiley L.	Mississippi, C
Martin, George S.	Central New York, NE
Martin, Glenn G.	Virginia, SE
*Masten, J. Eugene	Central New York, NE
*Masters, Mrs. Harry W.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Mather, Miss Sybil M.	Central New York, NE
*Mather, Wiley W.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Mathews, Ernest J.	Wisconsin, NC
*Maxwell, Irving W.	Maine, NE
McCallister, Heber G.	Idaho, W
McCay, Norman	Pacific Northwest, W
*McClear, Robert C.	Northern New York, NE
McConnell, Carl G.	Central New York, NE
McCoy, Elbert L. (7-20)	South Carolina, SE
*McGlammary, Bert E.	Central Texas, SC
*McGinness, Houston B.	Tennessee, SE
*McGough, B. F.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*McGowan, James G.	North Mississippi, SE

McIntosh, F. Bringle (6-14)	Ohio, NC
McKibben, James W. O.	North Georgia, SE
*McKim, Judson J. (3-10)	Ohio, NC
McKnight, Frank S.	Erie, NE
*McLain, I. W. J.	Northern New York, NE
McLarty, Emmett K.	Western North Carolina, SE
*McNorton, Mrs. Dorothy E. (1-3)	East Tennessee, C
McPheeters, Chester A.	Indiana, NC
McPheeters, Julian C.	California, W
McPherson, Harry W.	Illinois, NC
McVicker, Roy H.	Colorado, W
Mecklenburg, George	Northern Minnesota, NC
Merring, Edwin E.	Central New York, NE
*Merritt, Frank O.	California, W
*Metcalf, Charles D.	North Arkansas, SC
Mettam, John W.	Minnesota, NC
*Mickler, Fred T. (1-6)	Florida, SE
Milburn, James E. (6-4)	Holston, SE
Miles, Clemon B.	Delaware, C
*Miller, Ely D.	Ohio, NC
*Miller, H. A.	Minnesota, NC
Miller, Isaac E.	Ohio, NC
*Milliren, Monroe B.	West Wisconsin, NC
Mills, Fay C.	Nebraska, SC
*Mills, Mrs. J. Walter	Texas, SC
*Mills, O. A.	Southwest Texas, SC
Minish, Homer W.	Dakota, NC
Minkler, R. Glenn	Dakota, NC
Mitchell, Albert J. (2-17)	Washington, C
Mithabhai, James	Gujarat, OS
Mohn, E. Harold (8-23)	North-East Ohio, NC
Mood, Robert G.	North Texas, SC
*Moore, George V.	Pittsburgh, NE
Moore, Leland	South Georgia, SE
Moore, Leon T.	Philadelphia, NE
*Moore, LeRoy	Upper South Carolina, SE
Moore, Mark M.	Holston, SE
*Moore, Mrs. Theodore V.	Florida, SE
Morgan, Ira L.	New Mexico, SC
*Moreland, J. Earl	Virginia, SE
*Morgan, Petro W.	Pittsburgh, NE
Morgan, Walter A.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Morris, George T. (1-22; 9-27)	South Georgia, SE
*Morris, Mrs. Isaac (1-17; 8-40)	North Alabama, SE
*Morris, Percy F.	California, W
Moser, Claude H.	Western North Carolina, SE
Moss, Norman M.	Vermont, NE
Muehlethaler, Walter	Switzerland, OS
Mueller, Henry G.	East German, NE
Mulvaney, W. O.	Central Kansas, SC
*Muncy, William T.	Nebraska, SC
*Murry, Columbus B.	Little Rock, SC
Myers, Hiram E.	North Carolina, SE
*Napier, Thomas H.	North Alabama, SE
Nason, Phillip S.	New Hampshire, NE
Neal, Benjamin F.	Southwest, C
Neal T. Edgar	Central Texas, SC
Nease, Edgar H. (8-33; 8-58)	Western North Carolina, SE

*Neblett, Mrs. Robert P.	North Mississippi, SE
*Nelson, Ibrahim K. (1-20)	Northwest India, OS
*Nettles, Mrs. Bolivar C.	Texas, SC
*Nichols, Irby C.	Louisiana, SC
Nixon, Lloyd H.	Michigan, NC
Noble, Charles C.	Troy, NE
Nordeman, Charles B.	Louisville, SE
Northcutt, H. Clifford	Illinois, NC
Nowlen, Charles A. (5-16)	Wyoming State, W
*Nye, Mrs. Rueben L.	Central New York, NE
*Oakes, Edgar L.	Idaho, W
*Oates, E. W.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Odum, Clyde W.	Kansas, SC
*Oldshue, Mrs. James	Rock River, NC
*Olen, Otto L.	Wisconsin, NC
*Olsen, Peter	Norwegian-Danish, NC
*O'Neal, Cecil T.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Orwig, S. S.	East Oklahoma, SC
Pangston, Roy A.	Central Texas, SC
Parish, George O. (7-12; 9-13)	North Dakota, NC
*Park, Orville A.	South Georgia, SE
*Parker, W. W.	St. Louis, SC
*Parlin, C. C.	Newark, NE
*Parmar, John H.	Gujarat, OS
*Patrick, Theo. W.	Texas, C
*Paul, Charles B.	Malaya, OS
*Payne, Luff	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Payton, Jacob S.	Pittsburgh, NE
Pearson, John M.	New York, NE
*Pearson, Mrs. John M.	New York, NE
*Peck, LeRoy E.	Wyoming State, W
Peele, Clarence E.	Upper South Carolina, SE
*Peeler, Charles B. (1-5)	Florida, SE
*Peeler, John T.	Memphis, SE
Peeples, Fred H.	Memphis, SE
*Peffer, Daniel R.	Philadelphia, NE
Pegues, David K.	Missouri, SC
Pellowe, William C. S.	Detroit, NC
Pender, Thomas M.	Rock River, NC
*Pennington, A. S.	Holston, SE
Perdew, William C.	Michigan, NC
*Perry, Mrs. John W. (7-5; 8-7)	Holston, SE
*Perry, Oscar W.	Florida, C
Perryman, Willis L.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Peters, Fredus N.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Peters, Hardeo S.	Northwest India, OS
Peters, John H.	Washington, C
Peterson, Howard W.	North-East Ohio, NC
Pettit, Charles E.	Illinois, NC
*Pettyjohn, Oten R.	Virginia, SE
Pfoutz, Frank E.	Nebraska, SC
Phelps, Granison M.	North Carolina, C
Phillips, Glenn R.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Phillips, Miss Helen	New Jersey, NE
Phillips, W. Roy	South Carolina, SE
Pickens, Denver C.	West Virginia, NE
*Pierce, Millard F.	North Mississippi, SE

Pierce, Ralph M.	Rock River, NC
Pierce, Robert M.	New England, NE
*Pierson, Harry R. (3-5)	Indiana, NC
*Pinckney, Thaddeus H.	South Carolina, C
Pittenger, Walter E.	North Indiana, NC
*Plette, Mrs. G. W. Lloyd	Minnesota, NC
Plint, William J.	Western North Carolina, SE
Plyler, Marion T.	North Carolina, SE
Points, Isaac B.	Central Alabama, C
*Pontius, Charles R.	Ohio, NC
*Porter, R. Hervey	Nebraska, SC
Potter, Thomas P. (10-7)	Upper Iowa, NC
Prikask, Martin	Baltic and Slavic, OS
*Prince, Nathan D.	New England Southern, NE
Pritchard, Jesse E.	Western North Carolina, SE
Prouty, Carroll H.	Nebraska, SC
*Purvance, Ernest	Oregon, W
Putnam, Irving E.	Dakota, NC
Pyles, George W. (7-11)	North Arkansas, SC
*Quillian, Hubert (5-11; 8-24)	North Georgia, SE
Quillian, William F.	South Georgia, SE
Ragan, Raye L.	Illinois, NC
Ramos, Frank	Southwest Mexican, SC
*Randal, Mrs. C. M.	Northwest Texas, SC
Randolph, Edward F.	Philadelphia, NC
Randolph, Joseph D. (3-7)	Missouri, SC
Ransom, Albert R.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Ratliff, Mrs. William H.	North Mississippi, SE
Raulins, Daniel B.	Louisiana, SC
Rawlings, James C.	Louisville, SE
*Rawls, James F. (8-30)	Tennessee, SE
*Ray, John H.	Baltimore, NE
*Redwine, Marcus C. (9-7)	Kentucky, SE
*Reed, Mrs. O. B.	Kansas, SC
*Register, George S.	North Dakota, NC
*Reid, William W. (7-9; 9-9)	New York East, NE
Reisner, Christian F. (5-6; 8-38; 10-9)	New York, NE
*Renfro, Simon L.	Kentucky, SE
*Rhodes, Charles L.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Rice, Robert J.	Minnesota, NC
Richardson, Frank M.	Texas, SC
Richardson, James A.	Southwest Texas, SC
*Riegel, William E.	Illinois, NC
Riggleman, Leonard	West Virginia, NE
*Ritter, Walther	Central Germany, OS
*Roach, George S.	North Georgia, SE
Roberts, B. S.	North India, OS
*Roberts, Virgil D.	Kentucky, SE
Roberts, Winfred P.	Peninsula, NE
Robertson, J. Callaway	Virginia, SE
Robinette, William S.	Holston, SE
Robinson, LeRoy T.	Michigan, NC
Robinson, William B.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Rodriquez, Manuel	Chile, OS
*Rogers, A. Clayton	Alabama, SE
Rogers, John G.	Maine, NE
*Rogers, Mrs. Lillian P.	Upper Mississippi, C

Rogers, Wallace	North Georgia, SE
Romig, Edwin R.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Rooks, Robert E.	Memphis, SE
*Roose, Homer N.	North Indiana, NC
*Roper, William B.	Virginia, SE
*Rose, Mrs. Homer D.	California, W
*Rosen, Charles J.	Genesee, NE
Rosendahl, Soren S. S.	Denmark, OS
*Rowell, Alvah D. (8-27)	New York NE
Rowley, W. Glenn	Upper Iowa, NC
Russell, Robert L. (2-13)	North Georgia, SE
Rustin, John W.	Baltimore, NE
Salter, J. D.	East Oklahoma, SC
*Salvi, D. B.	Bombay, OS
*Sanders, John S.	West Virginia, NE
*Sapp, Mrs. Clarence C.	South Georgia, SE
*Saren, Dinendro K.	Bengal, OS
Saren, Jibon	Bengal, OS
*Satterfield, Charles N.	Peninsula, NE
Satterfield, Robert S.	East Oklahoma, SC
Scarborough, Edward F.	Upper Mississippi, C
*Schmidt, Willi G.	Northwest Germany, OS
Scott, Benjamin F.	Southwest, C
*Scott, John T.	Texas, SC
Scott, Julius S. (6-17)	Texas, C
*Scott, William C.	Baltimore, NE
*Schwanninger, William W.	Indiana, NC
*Seals, Taylor W.	Lexington, C
Secrest, Paul E.	North-East Ohio, NC
*Sedgwick, Mrs. Lavina F.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Segars, James W. (1-19; 3-9)	North Georgia, SE
*Selby, Howard W.	New England, NE
*Self, William D.	North Alabama, SE
Semans, Raymond L.	Rock River, NC
Sexsmith, Edgar A.	Baltimore, NE
*Seymour, Mrs. Estelle	Southern California-Arizona, W
Shackford, John W. (2-16)	Upper South Carolina, SE
Shafer, Albert E.	Alabama, SE
*Sharai, Maurice	Detroit, NC
Share, Joseph J.	Northwest Iowa, NC
Shaw, J. C.	Texas, SC
Sherman, Homer H.	Virginia, SE
Sherman, Walter J.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Shoemaker, Raleigh A.	Missouri, SC
Shuler, Robert P.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Shumaker, William H.	Michigan, NC
*Singh, Frank Phul	Central Provinces, OS
Singh, Masih Chavan	Lucknow, OS
*Singh, Thomas	Lucknow, OS
*Sinkey, Miss Fern	Ohio, NC
Skeath, William C.	Philadelphia, NE
Skelton, David E.	Lexington, C
Skidmore, Robert G.	Indiana, NC
*Slutes, Mrs. M. C. (7-16; 9-25)	Ohio, NC
*Small, John F.	Virginia, SE
Smathers, M. Turner	Western North Carolina, SE
Smith, Albert N.	Central Kansas, SC
Smith, C. Q.	St. Louis, SC

*Smith, Edward A.	Detroit, NC
Smith, E. Clyde	Southern California-Arizona, W
Smith, Harry C.	North Carolina, SE
*Smith, Harvey J.	South Florida, C
*Smith, James W.	Troy, NE
Smith, Joseph H.	Wyoming, NE
*Smith, M. D.	Dakota, NC
Smith, Ulysses S.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Smith, W. Angie (2-14)	North Texas, SC
Smith, W. Stanley	North-East Ohio, NC
*Smith, Walter T.	Pittsburgh, NE
*Smithers, Howard J.	Vermont, NE
*Snider, P. M.	Pacific Northwest, W
Sorensen, Pauli C.	Norway, OS
Spaagy, Lemon D.	Pittsburgh, NE
Spear, Laren	Illinois, NC
Spencer, Robert S.	Japan Mission Council, OS
Spore, Kenneth L. (2-7; 3-6)	Little Rock, SC
Sprague, Roy L. (5-12; 10-6)	Pacific Northwest, W
*Spurrier, Thomas	Louisville, SE
Stacey, Fred W. (2-11)	New York, NE
*Stackhouse, Will	South Carolina, SE
*Staffans, Hilding	Finland-Swedish, OS
Stafford, Edward R.	Ohio, NC
Stalling, M. J.	Upper Mississippi, C
Staples, Louis S.	Maine, NE
Starkey, Lycurgus M.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Stearns, Harold G.	Central New York, NE
Steele, Marshall T.	North Texas, SC
*Stein, Mrs. George	Central Kansas, SC
Stephenson, A. Turley	Rock River, NC
Stevenson, Henry M.	North Alabama, SE
Stevenson, Marion A.	Holston, SE
Stewart, William H. (1-15)	New York East, NE
*Stinson, Mrs. John M.	Little Rock, SC
*Stites, Stanley D.	Illinois, NC
Stoody, Ralph	New England Southern, NE
Story, Bert L.	Nebraska, SC
Story, Earl E.	New England Southern, NE
Stovall, Thomas L.	Northwest Indiana, NC
Street, Cassius E.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Stribling, Elby R.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Stricker, Edwin W.	Southern California-Arizona, W
Stringfellow, LeRoy W.	New Hampshire, NE
*Strobel, William	Troy, NE
*Summers, D. Elmer	North-East Ohio, NC
*Sumners, Oscar	New York East, NE
Su, Ru Chen	Yenping, OS
Sutton, Clarence A.	Central Texas, SC
Sweazy, Clyde A. (1-9)	Kentucky, SE
Swain, William R.	Texas, SC
Sylvester, Clouds B.	California, W
*Talbot, Norbert G.	Indiana, NC
*Talley, Mrs. Melvin R.	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
*Tate, Lewis N.	Illinois, NC
*Tatum, Robert T.	Texas, C
*Taunton, Van B.	North Alabama, SE
Taylor, Francis D.	New England, NE

Taylor, Hiram E.	Rhodesia, OS
*Taylor, Mrs. Mae P.	Rhodesia, OS
Taylor, James W.	South Carolina, C
*Taylor, John A.	Southwest Missouri, SC
Taylor, Ralph O.	Kansas, SC
Temple, Herbert D.	Upper Iowa, NC
*Tewarson, S. B.	North India, OS
Thomas, Essell P.	Peninsula, NE
Thomas, George A.	South Carolina, C
Thompson, G. Barney (1-7)	Indus River, OS
Thompson, Gordon B.	Central Kansas, SC
Thompson, Joseph W.	Missouri, SC
Thompson, Robert	West Oklahoma, SC
*Thonger, Mrs. Renee H.	Belgium, OS
Thonger, William G.	Belgium, OS
*Thorkelson, Miss Tillie (6-20)	Wisconsin, NC
*Thornburg, Jesse L.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Tift, George E.	Ohio, NC
*Tilly, Mrs. M. E. (5-10; 8-48)	North Georgia, SE
Tippett, Donald	Ohio, NC
Tipton, George F.	Central West, C
*Tipton, William H.	Central Kansas, SC
Titus, Murray T.	North India, OS
Tolley, Earl V.	Wyoming, NE
Tolley, William P.	Erie, NE
Torregrosa, Moises	Chile, OS
Tower, Joe Z.	Texas, SC
*Trevino, Samuel J.	Southwest Mexican, SC
Tripp, Ernest F.	Troy, NE
*Trotter, Frank H. (8-8)	Holston, SE
*Truran, Harold B.	New York, NE
*Tucker, Percy W.	Upper Mississippi, C
Tucker, Robert L. (10-5)	Ohio, NC
*Tulloss, William G.	Kansas, SC
Turley, Charles E. (4-6)	Ohio, NC
Turner, A. Fred	Florida, SE
Turner, Fred J.	Wisconsin, NC
*Tweedie, Adelbert T.	Detroit, NC
Twiddy, Norman W.	New York East, NE
*Twigg, Jesse B.	Ohio, NC
Twiggs, Lovic M.	North Georgia, SE
Tyler, Robert Z.	Florida, SE
*Tynes, Mrs. Lacy A. (2-1; 3-4)	Holston, SE
*Tyner, Howard G.	West Wisconsin, NC
Tyson, W. Galloway	Philadelphia, NE
*Ulland, Joseph S.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Uht, Mrs. L. S.	Kansas, SC
Vallentyne, George G.	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Van Antwerp, Harry	Troy, NE
*VanDeusen, Mrs. Henry R.	Wyoming, NE
*Van Dyke, M. F.	Central New York, NE
Vater, Walter E.	North Dakota, NC
Veatch, Jesse W.	North Georgia, SE
*Veenboer, Mrs. William H. (7-7)	Michigan, NC
Versteeg, John M. (6-13; 9-24)	Ohio, NC
*Victor, Mrs. Fred A.	New York, NE
*Vincent, Edmund R.	Detroit, NC

*Wade, Mrs. H. King	Little Rock, SC
Wade, James A.	Little Rock, SC
*Waggoner, Merle T.	North Texas, SC
*Wakefield, Harry S.	East Oklahoma, SC
Wahl, F. W.	St. Louis, SC
*Walker, Ezriah L. (1-11; 8-12)	Louisiana, SC
*Wallace, George	Northern Minnesota, NC
*Walls, Harry E.	Peninsula, NE
Walton, Albert J.	West Virginia, NE
*Walton, Miss Lillian	California, W
*Wampler, Charles	Kansas, SC
*Ward, Forrest S.	North Alabama, SE
Ward, J. Walter	North Mississippi, SE
Ward, Walter W.	Central Texas, SC
Ward, Woodrow	South Carolina, SE
*Ward, Wiley L.	Western North Carolina, SE
*Wardlaw, Joseph C.	North Georgia, SE
Ware, H. Wendell	West Virginia, NE
Warner, Ariel N.	Bombay, OS
Warren, John W.	Northern New York, NE
Wasson, Alfred W. (10-8)	North Arkansas, SC
*Waterman, Willoughby	Central New York, NE
Watkins, William E.	Central Pennsylvania, NE
*Watson, Miss Ella M.	Nebraska, SC
*Watson, Ray E.	Southwest Missouri, SC
*Weaver, Mrs. Charles C. (8-60; 9-32)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Webb, Charles W.	New Hampshire, NE
*Webb, Mrs. Edna	Southern Illinois, NC
*Webb, William R.	Tennessee, SE
*Wedemeyer, Mrs. Queenie C. (8-34; 9-3)	Central Texas, SC
Weeks, Harry H.	North India, OS
*Weeks, John W.	North Georgia, SE
*Weese, Dale E.	Nebraska, SC
*Weir, Benjamin	Illinois, NC
Weldon, Johnny W.	Louisville, SE
Welker, George J.	Central Kansas, SC
Wells, Edward A.	New Jersey, NE
Wells, Elton D.	Upper Iowa, NC
Wells, Frank L.	Virginia, SE
*Wells, Mrs. F. N.	Illinois, NC
Wells, Jacob E.	West Virginia, NE
*Werking, Mrs. Walter	North Indiana, NC
Werts, Forest W.	Montana, W
*West, Thomas H.	Rock River, NC
Wheaton, James D.	Mississippi, C
*Wheeler, Edward M.	New England Southern, NE
Whitaker, Howard W.	Kentucky, SE
*White, Edgar J.	Central Texas, SC
White, Gay C.	Illinois, NC
*White, Mrs. M. H.	Northwest Iowa, NC
White, Paul B.	West Wisconsin, NC
White, Roscoe M.	Virginia, SE
Whitiker, Charles E.	West Texas, C
Whitton, Charles D. (8-43)	New Jersey, NE
*Wiant, Paul P.	Foochow, OS
*Wickline, Robert L.	Pittsburgh, NE
Wiggins, Lemuel E.	Upper South Carolina, SE
Wiggins, Sam B.	North Arkansas, SC
*Wight, James S.	South Georgia, SE

Wilkins, John R.	California, W
*Willard, Elwin C.	Louisiana, SC
*William, Miss Arsania M.	Central West, C
*Williams, Mrs. C. D.	Florida, SE
*Williams, Edmund A.	Northern Minnesota, NC
Williams, John C. (6-12)	Ohio, NC
Williams, J. Merrill (8-36)	Central Pennsylvania, NE
Williams, Thomas F.	Northwest Indiana, NC
*Williams, Walter C.	North Indiana, NC
Williams, William H.	Lexington, C
Williamson, Aaron G.	West Oklahoma, SC
*Wilmers, John W.	Central North-west, NC
Wilson, Guy H.	Texas, SC
*Wilson, Henry R.	North India, OS
Wilson, James H.	South Georgia, SE
*Wilson, Jerry B.	Wyoming, NE
*Wilson, Laurence L.	Central Kansas, SC
*Windham, William C.	Texas, SC
Winn, John B.	Virginia, SE
*Winter, Miss Bert (5-9)	North Georgia, SE
*Winther, Albert	Denmark, OS
*Witten, Bernard G.	North-East Ohio, NC
Wolfe, John L.	West Virginia, NE
*Womack, Richard E.	Memphis, SE
Wood, Robert L.	Baltimore, NE
Woodard, Abram S.	Indiana, NC
*Woodson, James R.	Texas, SC
Worley, Elbert D.	Holston, SE
Worley, Harry W.	Foochow, OS
*Worth, Walter H. (6-19; 7-24)	Western North Carolina, SE
*Wortman, Allen	Iowa-Des Moines, NC
Wright, Bruce S.	Erie, NE
Wright, Cal C.	Northwest Texas, SC
*Wright, Harry B.	Peninsula, NE
*Wuerker, Mrs. Anna B. (6-10)	Newark, NE
Wunderlich, Friedrich	Northwest Germany, OS
*Wyatt, Mrs. L. E.	Southern California-Arizona, W
*Yale, Lyman B. (6-3)	Erie, NE
*Yang, Y. C.	China, OS
Yarnes, Thomas D.	Oregon, W
Yeoman, John A.	Detroit, NC
*Young, Mrs. Roy D.	Upper Iowa, NC
*Youngblood, Curtis	Mississippi, SE
Youngson, William W. (1-21)	Oregon, W
Yost, Clark R.	Southern Illinois, NC
*Zartman, Mrs. Foss (10-4)	Ohio, NC

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. OPENING SESSION AND ORGANIZATION

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 o'clock A.M. on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with action taken by the Uniting Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by the Conference, the Council of Bishops being in charge; after which the Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the *Discipline*, and the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Adoption of the proposed Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the guidance of the Conference, so far as applicable, until a permanent plan and rules shall have been adopted.

2. *Roll Call*. The roll shall be called by the Secretary of the Uniting Conference in the following manner:

- (1) The names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the Uniting Conference, and likewise the names of delegates elect who have died, shall be called.

- (2) The Secretary of the Council of Bishops shall report the number of the Bishops who are present, providing the Secretary, for record, a list of their names.

- (3) The roll of delegates shall be called by Annual Conferences. The Chairman of each delegation shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in the *Daily Advocate*. Any reserve seated in the place of a regular delegate shall have been duly elected as a reserve delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (1939). Paragraph 411. Reserve delegates shall be seated in the order of their election.

3. *Election of Secretary*. If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees.

4. *Adoption of Plan of Organization and Rules of Order*. The report of the Committee on Rules created by the Uniting Conference shall be presented for Conference action.

5. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Administrative Committees and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to them, as provided in the Plan of Organization, for election by the General Conference.

6. *Miscellaneous Business.*

7. *The Episcopal Address.*

8. *Adjournment.*

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS AND SECRETARIAL STAFF

1. The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of the Conference shall be chosen from among the effective bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of the Conference, and in each instance report its selection to the Conference prior to the adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

2. The Secretary of the General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

3. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from its membership as it may deem wise.

4. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated the Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

III. COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the Standing Committees hereinafter indicated, with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations, respectively, as are hereinafter prescribed, and such Special Committees as it may order.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

(1) *Rules.* There shall be a committee of six on Organization and Rules or Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an *ex-officio* member and one of six. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may also be referred any other matter relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the Conference.

(2) *Journal*. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to the Conference for correction.

(3) *Credentials*. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations shall report the names of absent delegates and of available reserve delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to the Conference with recommendations as to seating of reserves if such are available. No reserve delegates shall be seated except by action of the Conference and after a report has been made upon the case by this Committee; provided, that reserve delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference delegations as substituted at the opening session shall be seated without the action of this Committee; provided, further, such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and report to the Conference.

(4) *Reference*. There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary designated by the Secretary, and three others. This Committee shall receive all memorials, petitions, etc., dealing with the regular business of the Conference, and, after ascertaining that they meet the requirements herein specified, shall distribute them among the several Committees according to their respective responsibilities. The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author or authors thereof of its action in order that appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. This Committee shall publish each day in the *Daily Advocate* a list of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No memorial or petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

(5) *Editorial Revision*. There shall be a Committee of five, which, for the purpose of clarification and definiteness

of statement, and of correction of verbal errors and infelicities in expression, shall review and edit for publication in the printed Journal all reports of Committees as adopted by the Conference.

(6) *Courtesies and Privileges.* There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction and one minister and one layman from among the delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege and decide whether they are such or not, and, if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.

Note: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to the Conference as provided in Rule 9.

- b. To prepare with due regard for brevity and present to the Conference for its action such complimentary resolutions as occasion may demand.
- c. To arrange for the extending of the courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.
- d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates elect; for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the Uniting Conference, and others who in the judgment of the Committee may appropriately be included.

(7) *Fraternal Delegates.* There shall be a Committee of six whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to the Conference at its pleasure. (The General Conference Committee on Entertainment shall arrange for the entertainment of Fraternal Delegates.)

(8) *Presiding Officers.* See Section II, Paragraph 1.

(9) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees shall be constituted a Committee to which shall be referred any inter-committee disagreement or difficulty, and which shall arrange for the presentation of Committee reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business, in accordance with Rule 26.

(10) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been recommended by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be published in the *Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to the Conference by the Sifting Committee, *provided*, however, should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by not fewer than fifty members of the Conference shall request consideration, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration.

2. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the following standing Legislative Committees which shall consider proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to the Conference. The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the function of these committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of advices, resolutions, appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership and conditions, duties and transfer thereof; to lay activities, stewards, trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other legislative committee.

(2) *Ministry.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(3) *Education.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board

of Education and the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(4) *Missions and Church Extension.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

(5) *Publishing Interests.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(6) *Conference Claimants.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

(7) *Conferences.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Mission, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and Annual Meetings.

(8) *State of the Church.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to evangelism, social service, temperance (and the Board of Temperance), labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

(9) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and all eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other legislative committee.

(10) *American Bible Society.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the relation of The Methodist Church to, its interest in, and share of responsibility for, the American Bible Society and its work.

(11) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to ritual and orders of worship.

(12) *Interdenominational Relations.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc.,

relating to the interdenominational activities, relations, interests, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church.

(13) *Committee on Judicial Administration.* To this Committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

(14) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a Committee of thirty-six charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by the Conference such enabling acts and legal forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church. This Committee shall be elected by the Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops, care being taken that all sections and interests of the Church be, as far as possible, represented thereon.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization or ordered by the Conference, the membership of all Committees shall be constituted by election of the Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops.

(2) Legislative Committees numbered 9 to 13, inclusive: Hospitals and Homes, American Bible Society, Ritual and Orders of Worship, Interdenominational Relations, and Judicial Administration, shall each consist of two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each delegate shall serve as a member of one of the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 8. Within the delegation each member shall choose from the Legislative Committees 1 to 8 the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. The minister first elected shall be entitled to the first choice, the layman first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between ministerial and lay delegates in the order of their election; provided, that two members of a delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated Legislative Committees 1 to 8, until the said delegation is represented on each of them. All delegations composed of more than eight members shall assign its additional members according to this same principle of distribution; provided, further, that if a matter is under consideration in any Legislative Committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference delegation vitally affects the interests of

its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said Committee, then the said delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the Committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of its constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the Committee while this particular matter is being considered; he shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

4. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

(1) *For Organization.* The Legislative Committees shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of the General Conference sessions. Those numbered 9 to 14, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock, and those numbered 1 to 8, inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops, and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary, shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several Committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other Committees shall act as convener, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date.
- b. The election of Chairman and Secretary of each Committee, both Administrative and Legislative, shall be by ballot.
- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each Legislative Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of the Conference at the earliest possible date the officers elected. In the case of all other Committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of the Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Legislative Committees 1 to 8, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, and each until its work is completed. Legislative Committees 9 to 14, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all committees.

5. FUNCTION AND AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEES

The Administrative Committees without specific instruction by or direction from the Conference, shall assume re-

sponsibility for considering and reporting to the Conference upon (if it seems wise to do so) all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews as those are indicated hereinbefore. The Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by the Conference or through the Committee of Reference.

IV. DELEGATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNT

1. The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with principal and reserve delegates for their per diem allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of the Conference a reserve is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for the General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.—Devotional Service under the direction of the Council of Bishops.
- (2) 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.—Conference business, with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.—Committee meetings.

Rule 2. After devotional service the daily sessions of the Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Calendar.
- (4) Reports of other Administrative and Special Committees.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of the General Conference. He shall decide points of order raised by the members and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order, subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of his

position. A tie vote in the case of an appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any member raises a point of order he shall cite by number the rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand while the Chairman stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. No member, unless hindered by sickness, or otherwise, from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairmen of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials. No reserve delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by the Conference, except at the first session of the Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Section III, Paragraph 1, Item 3.

Rule 6. When a delegate desires to speak to the Conference, he shall arise at his assigned seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using the term "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, or the nearest microphone, numbered 1, 2 or 3, where, before speaking, he shall be governed by the following regulations: 1st. If speaking from the speaker's platform, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference from which he comes; which in turn the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference;

2nd. If speaking from a numbered microphone, he shall first announce the number of the microphone from which he is speaking, then his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to the Conference.

Rule 7. No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by the Conference, except as provided in Rule 32.

Rule 9. A member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege,

shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has exhausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Section III, Paragraph 1, Item 6.)

Rule 10. Only delegates within the area of the Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

Rule 11. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote, if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-fifth of the members present and voting, in which case the delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted. It shall be in order for the Conference to proceed with any business which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote or an "aye" and "no" vote.

Rule 12. Before a vote is taken, any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. The ministerial and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion, of any delegate, seconded by another delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline*, 1939, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

Rule 14. No other item of business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been called until the process is completed, except as provided in Rule 11.

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 15. Resolutions and Committee Reports shall be presented in triplicate; and when requested by the Secretary, motions including amendments shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. All Resolutions, Committee Reports, and com-

munications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 29. When a motion is made and seconded, or a Resolution is introduced and seconded, or a Committee Report is read or its publication in the *Daily Advocate* cited by the Secretary of the Conference, or any other, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference.

Rule 17. The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 32.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the previous question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 18. The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: To adopt, to commit, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11; but one or more of the following motions may be made, and they shall have precedence in their order, namely:

- (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the previous question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To postpone to a given time.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To refer.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment or a substitute).
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 19. When a motion to adopt a resolution or a committee report is pending (even if amendments thereto are also pending), a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the resolution or report under consideration. This motion to substitute then becomes the immediately pending question and may itself be amended; but the question of making the substitution shall not be put to vote until the original propo-

sition is completed by action upon any amendments thereto which may be pending and by providing opportunity for other amendments to be offered and adopted if desired. If the motion to substitute prevails, the substitute displaces the original question and its adoption becomes the pending question. It shall not be in order to offer a substitute for an amendment, but it shall be in order to offer a substitute for a section of a resolution or Committee's Report which is being considered *seriatim*.

Rule 20. When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without a debate, and if adopted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 32.

Rule 21. It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 22. A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-fifth of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for an "aye" and "no" vote, or a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted.
- (2) A call for vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting.
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend or amend the rules, to set aside a special order, to consider a special order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate.

Rule 23. A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 24. The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of Orders of the Day and of reports of committees (see Rule 27), and this record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Rule 25. The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the previous question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the Conference.

V. COMMITTEES: DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

Rule 26. When a memorial or resolution or any such item is referred to one of the several Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that Committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to the Conference upon all matters referred to them by the Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee reports on resolutions, memorials, petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear respectively, in the published reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner. Legislative Committee reports recommending non-concurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted or at the pleasure of the Conference, except when a minority presents a report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the Calendar in regular order.

When a Committee ascertains that another Committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is also considering, it shall proceed to arrange for a conference of representatives from the respective Committees in order to settle the question at issue. If by this process agreement as to location of responsibility cannot be reached, the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Chairmen.

Rule 27. At the close of each day's meeting the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of the Conference with copies in triplicate of all Reports adopted by their respective Committees for presentation to the Conference. The Secretary shall enter said Reports on the Calendar in the order in which they

reach him and shall furnish the editor of the *Daily Advocate* with one copy of each of the said Reports for publication in the next day's issue. Reports from Committees (and minority reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give chapter, section, and paragraph to be affected, and the language as it will read if and when adopted.

Rule 28. A report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof shall be regarded as in possession of the Conference and in order for consideration at its pleasure on the next day after its first appearance in the *Daily Advocate*. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority or any Committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the Committee or by ten members thereof.

Rule 29. All Committee Reports shall be presented to the Secretary of the Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor, and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the Report. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in the *Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference, and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for Committee Reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective minorities belong and for what Reports by serial numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 30. When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such report.

Rule 31. A member selected by the signers of a minority report of a Committee to present the same shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the Committee, except that he may not present said minority report until the majority report has been presented and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the

question of making the substitution the member presenting the minority report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 19.)

Rule 32. When the report of a Committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a member of the Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

No report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; providing this right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the Committee's Report or the Minority Report, if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the Committee's Report (and the Minority Report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner, to a limit of five minutes, when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the Report under consideration.

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 33. The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

Rule 34. This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which Committee shall report thereon not later than the day following.

Rule 35. In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the General Conference shall be governed in its action by Robert's Rules of Order Revised. Committee on Rules:

JAMES E. SKILLINGTON, *Chairman*;

COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*;

LUD H. ESTES,

GEORGE W. HENSON,

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Dear Brethren of the General Conference:

We regret to report that during the first year of our existence as a united Church three members of your Council of Bishops have passed into the service of the Church Eternal: Wallace Elias Brown, born in 1868; Eben S. Johnson, born in 1867; and Charles Edward Locke, born in 1858.

Bishop Brown had served Methodism in Foochow, China, during a most troublous period of war and riot, had been a leader in the Helena, Chattanooga and Portland areas. He was a close student of every problem set before him, a sympathetic listener to every preacher and layman who sought to state to him a suggestion or an appeal, an untiring worker in seeking to make the best possible adjustments of preachers and churches, a marvel of unselfishness in his redemptive efforts for all men whom he could reach.

Bishop Johnson, Pastor, District Superintendent, came to the Episcopacy after distinguished service on the Secretarial Staff of several General Conferences. Of wide knowledge of our Church history and polity, of inexhaustible energy as a traveler, of patient devotion to details, he developed a unique mastery of his unique African field.

Charles Edward Locke came to the Bishopric after long experience in the pastorate on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, and in the Central West. He was a preacher of rare skill in the phrasing of his message of the good news of God, evangelistic by temper and practice, of fineness of feeling and expression in his pastoral contacts—a Christian gentleman by native endowment and by conscientious self-training. He brought into his Episcopal work, both in the United States and in the foreign field, a tranquil mood and a smoothly running energy of unique and distinctive effectiveness. Between the General Conference of 1936 and the Uniting Conference there passed from us also Laress

J. Birney, compelling preacher, successful educator, deeply discerning missionary; William F. Oldham, widely ranging explorer of the spiritual possibilities of the non-Christian world; skilled in making the possibilities actual; Wilbur P. Thirkield, knightly friend of the colored people and upholder of new beauty in Christian worship; Charles Wesley Burns, eloquent preacher and lavish giver of himself to his task; and William F. McDowell, persuasive orator, beloved leader of generation after generation of college students, pioneer of Methodist Unification, charming friend, good minister of Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to report that, as far as we have gone in the experience of a united Methodism, that experience has already brought a wider view into our lives, a deeper feeling of fellowship throughout the denomination, a more serious realization of the responsibility put upon us by the bigger tasks. Each of the merging groups can already see that it has lost nothing by the change and has gained much of positive value. The former Methodist Protestants have everything that they have always contended for in lay participation in the Church and in democratic control of Church organization. The Methodists of the South have brought to the United Church a renewed emphasis on long-cherished Methodist essentials, especially on inner piety, and a kindliness of personal relationships and a skill in the fine arts of friendship which adorn Christian brotherhood. The Methodists formerly called Northern are already feeling the stir of new denominational interest resulting from the increased sense of responsibility for different sections called for by the Jurisdictional plan. While the voting of the Negro Conferences indicated that the Plan of Union did not give to their people the recognition warranted by their achievements and worth, there has been among them a cordial acceptance of the outcome—with the growing conviction that under the new regime they have what we may genuinely call a “better chance.”

The wisdom of the Committees that prepared the plans for the Uniting Conference was shown especially in their observance of the principle that union should begin with the least possible change in organizational procedures. Happily no doctrinal change was necessary in the consummation of unification. It was a sound insight which prompted the agreement that the Uniting Conference could not put anything into the law of the new Church

which was not already in the Book of Discipline of at least one of the former bodies. In line with the practical wisdom of this course, we suggest that the General Conference would best attempt no radical changes at this session. This was clearly the expectation of the Uniting Conference, and common fairness would seem to demand that the expectation be not disregarded.

The years following the first World War have been a period of profound disturbance in all realms of human activity. The material impoverishment which has affected all peoples, though admittedly in differing degrees, the consequent threat to long-established political and social institutions, the change in methods of living in vast areas have had their natural results in conduct affecting religious theory and practice. It was inevitable that the loosening of the moral customs and codes which always accompanies war should lead to a weakening of religious convictions. As we look back, we wonder that the disappointment and disillusionment were not more extended. Few nations have ever entered into armed conflict with nobler aims than animated the American people in 1917. Whatever the underlying schemes of some political and financial leaders may have been, the masses sought nothing for themselves except to make the world safe for democracy in waging a war which they sincerely hoped would end war. It is a wonder that the disillusionment did not lead to worse pessimism and cynicism; for the depth of the sincerity of the people themselves made possible an intensity of bitterness over the actual consequences of the war, a bitterness leading frequently to the deadly question: "What is the use?" with which men turned aside from, or treated with indifference, the greatest issues in the social, moral, and religious realms.

It would be a surrender to this cynicism if we allowed ourselves to talk chiefly in terms of general and indiscriminating blame. For example, it is quite the custom to speak of the youth of the present generation, or of the young people who have come to maturity within the past ten years, as if they merited severe condemnation because of moral laxity. It is evident that there has been, and is, much looseness. But what may not be so apparent is the inherent decency of the generation now coming into power—a decency which has not been touched to any fatal degree by the notions about personal irresponsibility. It surely is not fond and foolish boasting, but proper pride, which

prompts us to note that the youth of our own denomination, during these very years when we have heard so much about pessimism, not to say despair, have taken a larger interest in the program of their own Church and in the broader movements of the Kingdom of God than ever before. Through their own organizations they have made their ideals count for more in the planning of their elders. It is gratifying to note that those elders have welcomed the representation of the Methodist Youth organizations to positions in the most important Boards of the general Church. We hear too often the adage: "Old men for judgment and young men for war." In these days we might often say: "Young men for judgment and old men for war." Wars may come from the cynicism of the old. The young men's protest against war, and much else, is clean and sound. Viewed from any angle, the frank recognition of the youthful spirit as likely to come from a sure moral insight is most important for the Church—a recognition which should be free from all trace of the condescending or patronizing.

We have seen in the past few years a reaction throughout Christendom against the liberalism of the later nineties and the first decade of this century. Against an earnest and serious type of liberalism the attitude has not been just, for that liberalism gave itself to an intense study of the Scriptures, to well-conceived humanitarian efforts, to scientific scrutiny of the psychological bases of religious experience, to protests against all forms of assault upon social and religious freedom. Unfortunately, perhaps inevitably, the term "liberalism" was appropriated by an easy-going superficiality of doctrine and deed which tended to empty all the rigor and vigor out of Christianity. According to this liberalism the world was mostly sunshine, and the Divine Revelation, if there was one, mostly smiles. An evolutionary benevolence was assumed to be carrying us on and up. The ascent was not too steep and the saunter upward was most pleasant. The War, and its aftermath, simply annihilated any such comfortable philosophy. Even the evolutionary formula, sacrosanct to its optimistic devotees, has showed that it can describe a sad descent as exactly as a happy ascent. Millions of men dead on battlefields, a generation deprived of its full if not its normal chance at life, hunger widely spread over the face of the earth, and more human beings uncertain of their individual future than ever before, have called for the intellectual

efforts of what the schools have taught us to characterize as the "tough-minded" thinkers rather than the "tender-minded."

The tough-minded have appeared, notably among the religious leaders. Following a teaching which has naturally arisen out of a distressed and distracted Europe, many today have accepted doubtfully, it must be admitted, what to a Methodist, following in the tradition that goes back to Wesley, seems like Calvinism, a modified Calvinism, perhaps, but Calvinism nevertheless. The old-fashioned terms "predestination" and "election" are not encountered, but the emphasis is more on the divine power than on any other attribute. The world in which we live is not especially our affair, we are told. In his own good time God will break into it, and deal with it according to his own will. As to what that will is to be, our man-made systems of ethics give us little light. There is not much that we can do except to wait and see.

We are attempting a swift summary of a somewhat widely held notion, and not of the views of any one teacher. The doctrine has something bracing about it, but hardly satisfies the Methodist teaching about the divine nature. The most serious doctrinal difference among the early Methodists was over Calvinism. In all the debates on the theme that led to the differences, John Wesley kept this one question to the fore: "How are we to think of God on a Calvinistic basis?" That question is as pertinent today as a century and a half ago.

The theology of which we are now speaking belittles the divine immanence and lays its stress on the divine transcendence. Just why the divine immanence, which for purposes of religious experience means the nearness of God, should be held so unworthy is hard to say. There seems to many to be a suggestion of something weak about immanence. In truth, however, if one were to seek a doctrine that would satisfy the most tough-minded in its sternness toward wrongdoing, we could not find anything more suited and adequate to the purpose than the idea of a righteous Will closer to us than breathing and nearer than hands and feet. It is strange too that so many interpret transcendent wrath. It may be that this is because a transcendent wrath is more comprehensible to us poor mortals than is transcendent love. It has been the preaching of the divine love, however, both transcendent and immanent, that has always lent power to Methodism.

"Oh Love Divine, what hast thou done—
The Incarnate God has died for me."

We may be permitted to note in passing that professors in Methodist theological schools are taking abundant share in setting before our day deeply vital and convincing conceptions of God. Without the mention of names, may we say that one is conceding the strength of the conception, which we may have seemed to underestimate, and balancing it with a nobler interpretation of the divine love; that another has faced courageously and helpfully the problem of limitations in the existence of a personal God; that another has examined the democratic tendencies for their effect on our thinking about God; that another has reinforced our belief in the validity of Christian experience of God; that others have studied with scientific persistence and precision psychological laws which throw light on the methods of God in quickening the lives of men, and still another has given us a wealth of interpretation of the teaching of Jesus about God, and all are insisting upon the Incarnation of the Son of God as the transcendent essential of the Christian system. In this day of terrific attack upon the chief citadels of the Christian faith we may well be grateful for the effectiveness of our theological schools, our Commission on Courses of Study, and our theological magazine for not merely defensive but aggressive attack on anti-Christian views of the world and man and God.

A distinct value in the present-day study of God is the deepening moral conviction that power and responsibility must be kept together; that no will can be held responsible in a realm where it has no power; and that no power should be exercised by any will that does not act under a bond of responsibility. That power must be held responsible is a moral insight which becomes increasingly definite and certain. This insight indeed is taught as binding even for God himself in the earliest Scriptural revelations of the divine nature that have come down to us, expressed, to take but a single example, in Abraham's challenge to his Lord: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The obligations upon God himself as the creator of men have too often been obscured by the perennial proneness of agents of power to exercise their might according to their own impulse or desire or caprice. Hence the doctrine that kings can do no wrong, that leaders who have attained to political or social or money power can use that force as they please. This assumption has in our time met protests that will not be quiet until they are satisfied.

The Christian teaching today is to meet again that demand on God himself. The problem of the world's pain is upon us with new desperateness. In those easygoing days of a quarter-century ago the Western lands did not take the darker phases of early conditions with the same seriousness as today, though missionaries like Bishop Thoburn were always telling us that the physical curse of the Orient was its poverty. Looking at all the world, and at the whole course of history, the problem has always been about what it is now. The race as a whole has never had material means enough to supply the basis for a properly human existence. There has indeed been a stream of increasing goods coming through the scientific control of nature made possible by our type of civilization, which has put the Occident in a place of comparative privilege. One reason for the difficulty of missionary work has been the inability to get the point of view characteristic of a social existence which has never known the reasonable certainty of daily bread. Now, however, the impoverishment of our own civilization by war, and its paralysis by rumors of war, have thrust this problem upon us. The problem is not likely, in our time, to be as acute with us as it always has been with the millions of the Orient. But the suffering is ours in a degree that we have never known before, though we live in a position of privilege as compared with other nations and peoples. The urgency of the question appears when we reflect that practically all religions that get any firm hold on masses of men try to make adjustment to it—the more primitive by seeking ways of winning the material favors of their gods as did the worshipers of the baals in the early days of Israel, and the more developed forms like Hinduism by seeking to get along with as little distress as possible in this existence for the sake of a better chance in the life, or the lives, to come. The problem of physical and spiritual pain today is the source of most of the earnest skepticism in non-Christian circles, and is admittedly a heavy burden for many Christian believers themselves.

All this puts upon the Church the imperative duty of the evangelical message. The Gospel of Christianity ought to be preached now, as never before, as good news of God. Scriptural evangelism means that by our acceptance of the Christian message, God, as revealed in Christ, can be trusted with the universe; that he can release us from an evil past; that he will guide our steps aright to increasing purity and power and fineness of life—a life which bears witness to itself. If we are to have a genuinely Christian evangelism,

we must lay stress on these factors: the preaching must be news, that is to say it must deal with fact; it must proclaim the highest good; it must be a revelation about God himself.

If we may look a little longer at the message of good news today, we may well rejoice that the Gospel—the good news of God—is aided at many points by forces which we pronounce secular, but which we may well claim as analogies pointing toward and illustrating the Christian revelation. We shall have occasion more than once to mention the increasing emphasis among all classes and among all peoples upon the worth and value of men as men. All institutions today are forced to make changes for the sake of better effects on the human beings who live and work under them. Methods and disciplines centuries-old have been cast out because they could not satisfactorily meet the human tests. We are not saying that all of the change has been good; we are merely calling attention to what has brought about the change. For example, now foremost teachers of the law are telling us that the only sacredness about a law is its excellence as an instrument for human welfare. Industry has to meet the same challenge. The pressure which shows itself in riot and revolution the world around seeks for justification in the demand for a better life for men and women and children today. The Gospel has the best of good news for these repeated crises. The task is to get men to hear and heed the good news.

The current word for the mood and doctrine that today sets on high what we call the human values is "humanism." A careful scholar has enumerated at least seven different types of humanistic theory and practice. The types that narrow the attention too closely to the more immediate needs of men are likely to run down hill into a utilitarianism which becomes more and more physical, and which, speaking in the name of science, asks for results that can be seen and measured and tabulated. This system forgets that man cannot live by bread alone and would starve the higher possibilities in a surfeit of bread. At an extreme from this is that professedly intellectual humanism which tells us that the mind of man is made only for the truth, and that it shows its courage in facing the most terrible of realities: the physical universe in which we find ourselves. This humanism makes eloquent use of the rhetoric—now a little threadbare—which will have it that the planet on which men live is an insignificant speck in an off-the-road district in space; that ours is the only planet on which—so far as we can judge—men can live; that the solar sys-

tem will burn out and turn to ice or cinders; that all man's works will perish with him. The only foundation then for a free man's worship is a "firm base of unyielding despair." A book issuing from the press as these lines are being written, a work by a finely trained and high-minded philosopher, has as its main aim to teach men to accept this despair and find comfort in it.

Much that is pertinent can be urged against all this, even on the basis of logic. If this is truth, the mind of man has discovered it and is superior to its discoveries. Herbert Spencer once said that the mind of man can move swiftly, but that light, with its speed of one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles a second, is swifter still. Of course Spencer was playing with two different orders of movement. A light wave, no matter how fast it moves, cannot attain to that order of activity which makes it conscious of itself. If truth can be pursued only on this planet, that makes this planet the stage of the only dramas in the universe worth seeing—so far as the humanist can tell us.

The trouble with every secular variety of humanism is that it is liable to disillusionment. The saving fact here is that so many humanists of the humanitarian type are better than their creed. While honestly professing that they have no creed, they often act in a genuinely Christian spirit, refusing to be daunted or exhausted by realistic contact with human life and character. Or, if they accept that "firm basis of unyielding despair," they conveniently forget that despair is not firm or unyielding, but is now up and now down, and they go on with their helpful ministrations to their fellow men. Nevertheless the nobler humanism is that of a Christianity which never despairs, which never conceives of men merely as what they are in their own eyes or in the eyes of their fellows; but as what they are in the eyes of the Father in heaven, of unutterable worth to God himself. One outstanding feature of the good news of God is that, while we may despair of men as biology conceives of them, or as history reveals their blunders, or as biography shows their shortcomings, we can never despair of them as Christianity thinks of them, provided we once truly get the Christian point of view.

As one phase of meeting our evangelistic responsibility, we call attention to the need today of preaching which aids in creating crises in men's minds and hearts which in turn lead to decisions which change the direction or increase the power of their wills. Our people in erecting church

buildings, and our ministers in providing for the worshipful element in service, have rightly taken advantage of legitimate aids that appeal to the eye and ear in begetting in the congregation the appropriate mood for a deeply religious receptiveness. This result, however, has been chiefly in the sphere of the emotional. It is to be regretted that in the preparation of the sermon more attention has not been directed to the wills of the hearers. Our Methodist fathers used to grant licenses to exhorters to follow the preaching of the sermon with an appeal which sought to sink the message down into the level of practical issues where wills took control. That much of the exhortation was superficial there is no doubt, but after all the essential aim of Christian preaching is to make something happen with the inner springs of will. An outstanding student of religion has told us in picturesque phrase, that to some men it is given to "pull triggers" in the consciousness of their fellows; many of us may have been brooding on problems, on life-courses, on neglected duties, or on haunting ideals without ever coming to a decision about them. Occasionally appears some speaker or writer with a power by a new stroke of emphasis, or by a turn of a phrase, or by a touch on a sensitive emotional center, to set the whole heaped-up mass of thought and feeling of the hearer into movement. The primary factor in the old-time revival effort was the aim, indeed the determination, so to preach truth as to lead to decisions. We often have excessive cultivation of the Gospel seed without expectation of a definite harvest. How often have we heard the parable of the seed of the Kingdom interpreted as truth sown almost carelessly, the seed springing and growing up, the sower knowing not how? The utterance of the Master does not stop, however, with the seed thus coming along of itself, while the farmer sleeps and rises night and day. "When the time of harvest is come, *immediately* he putteth in the sickle." The time for waiting is past. A day too late at harvest may mean irrecoverable loss. Without pleading for anything forced or artificial, with all needful stress on an appropriateness and fitness, we insist that preaching should aim at entering into those centers of our being where decisions are made, where directions of will are changed, where new powers are acquired and released, where new spiritual births open out into new life. The age-old need of a Saviour from sin is never out of date. With historians and biographers and psychologists studying today with absorbed attention the phe-

nomena of conversion, it is sad indeed to find Methodists slighting this prime feature of their spiritual heritage.

One of the strange features of these times through which we are passing is the reluctant, half-apologetic tone in which some pulpits speak of redemption and kindred themes as if they were out of line with the interests of the present world. It may be that some of this reluctance is a reaction against the crudity of over-mechanical plans of salvation, but it misses the suggestiveness of the fact that an immense amount of dealing with human beings today, which we do not call specifically religious, is avowedly redemptive. The cure of sick bodies is redemptive. The skilled doctor pronounces a treatment successful with some patients if the treatment adds only a single year to a life. Even in activities having to do with the handling of this world's goods, society realizes that there must be some way of relieving men who have proved financial failures, from their paralyzing debts, and takes the risks of encouraging fraud rather than tie men who can be useful to society down to an inescapable past. If this analogy seems to lower the sublime truth of redemption too far down toward commonplace matter-of-fact, let us remember that the word "debts" was often on the lips of Jesus to illustrate the forgiveness of God for the spiritual bankruptcies of men.

Likewise with many other terms which have analogies in the common life. Some, though not many, of our ministers seem to thing that person effort, especially the effort we call pastoral, is not especially characteristic of what we like to speak of as our "high" calling. In no other line of human effort is there quite such sensitiveness or, if there is, it is not allowed to become evident. In the care of bodies and the training of minds there is much that can be achieved by large-scale and standardized plans, and by the discovery and use of general laws, but such mass-processes only make attention to individuals more urgent. With the elimination of the grosser, commoner ills by immense co-operative effort, men are still exposed to the strains of a civilization which wears down the nervous resources, leaves the individuals beyond the reach of mass methods, and calls for the services of experts skilled in reading the secrets of the heart. One of the most brilliant medical scientists of our generation, aware that incurable disease had marked him for early death, turned aside from the study of the curative methods of dealing with a plague which was yearly claiming its victims by the tens of thousands, to devote the last months of his career to writing a little book entitled: "*The*

Care of the Patient," in which he gave as his final message to his fellow-workers the need of training for the understanding of sick men as human beings if the medical relief is to win its largest success, and this apart from or beyond all aids of formal psychiatry.

In the moral and spiritual sphere men are today, as never before, subject to overstrain. We are appalled now and again by the moral collapse of characters that we thought could never fall. We assume that in such tragedy some sudden temptation has proved overwhelming. The final temptation is indeed overwhelming, but the weakness often comes simply out of the strain of the life of our time. The catastrophe does not necessarily mean that the victim has been tampering with his soul by playing with evil. It may mean that the pace of modern living has worn his will down till he cannot resist anything. He has suddenly broken before a temptation which came upon him for the first time, or which in other moments he would have ignored.

In view of this overstrain, many Protestants are claiming that their churches imitate the confessional procedures of the Roman Catholic Church. We admit that the Roman Church, as a human organism, is of age-long significance. It makes the most daring, not to say presumptuous, claims of divine authority, but it succeeds more often than it admits through the humanness of its methods. There is a wide difference between the Roman confessional and any pastoral service which Protestants can sanction, for the relief to tormented souls given by a priest is usually due to his claiming to grant absolution for sins. Nevertheless there is a pastoral ministry possible to those who will spare no pains to keep open the channels for confidential spiritual communication with their people. This is obviously a service which cannot lend itself to statistical report, but, if over thirty thousand pastors are themselves human enough to know the inner workings of the human conscience, and patient enough to listen to the stories of perplexed minds, and sensible enough to take persons as they are in the start toward something better, and will hold fast to them if they begin to fall away, the volume and quality of benefit thus rendered will be probably the most important single feature of the work of our Church in any generation. We wish to make two remarks about pastoral service: first that it has been an integral part of the Methodist tradition from the days when John Wesley, accepting pastoral duties as a heavy and to him not always a congenial task, took the membership lists of his societies in all the places he visited,

up one side of a street and down the other, and sought to get into personal touch with every Methodist; and second, that in each institutional activity in our present-day secular society those responsible for the guidance of the institutions seek to keep as close personal contact as possible with all the individuals whom the institutions can reach.

The best statistical estimates available seem to indicate that four-fifths of our present membership have come to the Church through personal attention, either of the pastors themselves or of church workers, especially Church school teachers. It would appear then that methods which have brought into the Methodist fold over six million of her present membership manifest not a departed glory, nor one that shows any signs of departing.

Far short of the ideal as the results fall, the success of the denomination is due to pastoral industry and spiritual resourcefulness. The demands of the times on churches—even those demands which we have been accustomed to think of as the more specifically religious—are constantly shifting. The flexibility of the ministerial response to these changing expectations is an indication that the Divine Spirit, working ever in diverse methods, is still active through a consecrated versatility. Moreover, it would not be amiss to say that the minister today has not so much to respond to a spiritual demand as first to create the demand itself.

As illustration of the changing situations confronting the minister, those of us who are older can recall that the preaching of our boyhood memories had the adult members of the congregation most directly in mind. We recall that later the emphasis was a little more widely distributed, and messages and instruction were aimed at the needs of the younger membership, with the organization of the younger people into societies. Then the adolescent stage came forward for ampler recognition, especially because conversion is most likely to occur in that period. Still later we began to hear that many determining influences are exerted most powerfully in the early years of childhood, some of the most irresistible before the age of seven, and we had to face anew the problem of religious training in the home. Thus within half-a-century the Church has made the complete circle from adult responsibility to adult responsibility, with rich gains along the way indeed, but with increase in the profusion and variety of tasks laid upon the preacher. In the first days of American Methodism the Church problems were much alike. A minister who could succeed in one

appointment could likely succeed in another, though by the record some of the Conference sessions lasted eight days with two bishops, and occasionally three, laboring hard to make the best adjustment of preachers to churches. Today the burden of appointment-making is due to the distinctiveness of the varieties of success or lack of it that different appointees can win. There has never been a time in our history when the limitations and possibilities and other peculiarities of local churches have been studied with more persistence and solicitude than by the present generation of Methodist ministers.

There is some uneasiness among the preachers at possible limitation of freedom of pulpit utterance in these troublous times. Against such limitation we should all be on our guard. Let us not be beguiled into complacency because our pulpits are not often avowedly and directly attacked. Such directness is not the usual method of attack. Personal peculiarities or mannerisms, alleged lack of tact in presenting new and unfamiliar views, not enough emphasis on the "pure gospel"—criticisms such as these do not indeed lead to dismissal from our ministry, but do lead all too often to lack of opportunity for some prophetic preachers to deliver their message to churches that most need the message.

One general agreement among virtually all our ministers is the need of an educative process to go on among the members of all types of churches. It is strange how long it has taken some of the churches to feel the force of certain phases of our Master's example. The parable of the different kinds of soil has been with the Church through all the Christian centuries, but it has been taken to mean that people are "just that way," some with minds like the packed earth of the roadway, others shallow, others thorny and weedy, others in varying degrees of goodness. We have not often enough considered that perhaps the hard roadway can be broken up, that the shallow land can be deepened, that soil which can bring forth thorns may conceivably produce wheat, that the productivity of those of the thirtyfold can be lifted to sixtyfold, and the sixtyfold increased one hundredfold—in any case that the different soils require different treatment. Only within the last ten years have New Testament scholars made it inescapably evident that as a teacher Jesus used one method with those arrayed against him as enemies, another with what we might call the "general public," and still another with the intimate

band of disciples. There must be, and indeed is, similar variety of approach and method in teaching the truth of Jesus today—with ample space for what the current phrase calls “adult education”—the study and discussion of religious principles and their application to the tasks of our time. It is much to be feared that we have neglected the cultivation of lay thinking about such religious themes. In surprisingly large numbers of discussion groups in our churches the general Christian outlook upon the world and life is not often among the themes considered.

After a generation of effort in elementary religious education, we are now coming to realization that after all children are compelled to live in an adult world. What they receive in their contacts with adult persons—adult conduct, attitudes and customs—and adult institutions, counteracts and frustrates much of the religious and social education they receive in the children’s departments of our Church schools. Until, by changing adults, we constitute the kind of world in which religious and socially-minded child life can develop, we cannot hope to achieve our aims in the Christian education of children. This realization is leading us today to a new emphasis upon adult religious education.

Foremost educational leaders in our country tell us that the public school must be, within obvious limits, a pattern of social organization which is to be carried out into the society which the pupil enters when he leaves the school. Such leaders insist that this pattern and ideal are necessary for the training of youths to citizenship in democracy, that they ought to go forth into the world schooled in qualities of fair play, of respect for persons, of regard for truth-telling as a rule of personal conduct, and of truth-seeking as an ideal for thought-life, of willingness to stand loyally by one’s convictions. Every one of these virtues, and many others referred to by leaders whom we honor, comes within the range of Christian education with the addition that the Christ-spirit has as one of its fundamental powers that of re-enforcing and indeed of adding new purposes to energies devoted to men’s service of their fellows. The adults are the chief factors in the environment of children, and adults need Christian education. If the minds of children are persistently observed in the public schools to find methods of arousing interest, there is no reason why the study of young minds in the Church school should not be equally persistent, especially since the Sunday school offices of the denomination are putting into the hands of teachers the best material

and methods to be found. It is gratifying to note the wide recognition which the publications of our own press have received, as they have dealt with religious education, for soundness of general principle and expertness of method, and for the emphasis placed on the necessity of a study of the child which is both scientific in precision and human in sympathy. We are pleased to note the increase in Church school membership, according to the most recent reports.

It is but a step from this discussion of religious education as a whole to a position from which we may at least glance at the institutions of higher learning with legal or sentimental attachment to Methodism. It is not necessary to call attention to the technical excellence of the training at our colleges and universities. The excellence at any school of high grade is taken for granted today. The era of sneering at denominational institutions, even at the smaller ones, seems to have passed. A few years ago an alumnus of one of the greatest of our eastern universities, praising his own *alma mater*, in lordly gesture waved his hand toward the land west and south of New England and declared that out in that land there were not more than a half-dozen colleges where a pupil could receive what might fairly be called an education. It did not take long for some investigating educator to discover that the President of the school from which this boaster had been graduated had shortly before announced with pride that the graduates of his university were foremost in number on the staffs of western and southern institutions, and were achieving results of high excellence. The schools related to the Church are giving a quality of instruction whose worth can be taken as conceded. If the various educational officials of the Church did not keep their stress on qualitative standards up to a high pitch, the various investigating agencies which abound among us would quicken their lagging attention. Lack of financial resources may prevent as wide a range of curriculum choices as is desirable, but there is less and less question about the quality of the teaching actually given in any Church college. The danger in our institutions is that of throwing too heavy burdens upon the teachers. New power has come to our colleges through their recognition of the limitations within which they must work. Many of them have made the discovery that the smallness of their size gives opportunity for greatness of qualitative achievement.

Some other virtues which the Church can expect from a college cannot be given by legally enacted standards or by tests of examining boards. These come chiefly from what we call the spirit of the school, and that spirit must be fostered by a religious atmosphere. We may mention two such desirable "goods." First is the general Christian view of the world and of life, the background of assumption as to what is supremely worth while. Acute observers, distressed over the distracted and generally chaotic state of the world's life today, are calling upon religious educators to declare some unifying principle which will remedy this bewildering welter. The call is directed to the responsible quarter, whether religious thinkers are prompt with the answer or not. The unifying principle which we need is to be found in the Christian point of view. Present-day psychology has rendered service, even though it has done so in pedantic phrase, in indicating the man who has been religiously converted as an example of "integration." The converted man has been brought to wholeness and soundness of life through surrender to the Christ way of life as the purpose of his own life. Everything is to be brought to that Christ-life as a focus. The appreciation of psychology must be qualified by recognizing that psychologists themselves have not at all times been consistent in their teaching about integration. They have too often approached religious activities as but one phase of life—as indeed in some specific forms they are—and have thus divided what they sought to unify. There are specific moods and deeds which we call definitely religious, as prayer and mysticism and sacrament, but these are not to be set in opposition to that general study of the Christian assumptions which bring unity into the individual life and can likewise bring unity into the life of societies. It may be profitable to note what is called Neo-Thomism, which is today arresting the attention of hundreds of college students. The system is admittedly dogmatic. It aims at recalling the student to the unified worldview of the Middle Ages, in which the divine was made the center of all life. The pedagogical method is authoritative, even dictatorial. We do not subscribe to the method, but we cannot deny the soundness of the purpose.

Again, we covet for our institutions of learning the development of that other-regarding spirit which we have nearly worn out a phrase in describing: namely, the service motive—the social responsibility of educational training. We must never forget that no student in any college or

university pays, even in the financial charges, for what he gets. His fees are not equal to the cost of training him. Whether the institution be state-supported or privately-endowed, someone other than the student himself pays the costs in no inconsiderable portion. This being obvious, it ought to be equally obvious that the student should seek in some way to labor for the society which thus places a measure of its material goods at his disposal. It used to be said that the best way a student could serve society was by making the best of himself, and, rightly understood, this is wisdom. Nevertheless we need to keep the social aim definitely before us. This is not to make an unreasonable demand upon educational institutions. Indeed, the service motive rules the labors of countless scientific students at the present hour. Bright minds are in any first-class institutions laboring this very hour to get firmer control of physical forces for the uses of men, without much thought of return for themselves beyond moderate provision for subsistence, including educational opportunity for their children. Even law schools, which a generation ago were supposed to be legitimate agencies for the training of men to look out primarily for themselves, are now teaching that community service by lawyers is primary and not secondary. It required a battle in which the leading law schools themselves played a great part to bring about this change. If now the institutions, which we have been accustomed to look upon as always secular and sometimes irreligious, are teaching moral responsibility for unselfish intellectual leadership, how tragic it will be if religiously nourished institutions become less insistent in the cultivation of the social spirit. One of the most rewarding experiences in the Wesley Foundation work in which we take such pride is the responsiveness of students at state institutions to the appeal to the higher motives.

This question assumes critical proportions when we note that one of the principal directions which society is to take in the days just ahead of us is away from emphasis upon the individual profit motive. It makes little difference as to this particular point just what changes the social structure occur in the next quarter or half-century, whether a more socialistic trend or an improvement of the capitalistic organization so-called, the question of the motive will be of immense importance. If our schools are to send out into society men who think primarily of wealth-getting for themselves, they will lend color to the charge already being made that the higher institutions of learning in this

country, which are under the control of religious denominations, are not doing their share to keep the educational processes genuinely progressive as social forces, that they are bulwarks of vested interest, and of established orders too solidly established.

We look now at the problem of the benevolences of the Church.

We urge upon our people the support of the stewardship movement to which the Council of Bishops has voted its hearty approval. One of the reasons most often brought forward for the union of the three branches of Methodism has been economy in saving money, by the reduction of charges in over-head activities. It would not have been quite a worthy motive to merge three churches merely that we might spend less money on religious effort, but a motive of highest worth if by the saving we were to have more means for the extension of Christian effort. The Stewardship Movement, while recognizing the value of giving as a means of grace to the believer, is aiming frankly at getting more money that more people may have a chance at the means of grace, and that the means of grace may take on new effectiveness. Hence the emphasis on making giving continuous, systematic, intelligent, consecrated. The necessity of a fixed proportion of income for benevolent giving has been a commonplace among the religiously-minded from the days of ancient Israel, but this involves also the right placing of the duty of giving in our scale of duties: the ranking of the benevolent expenditures as among the necessities, as inescapable as household expenses, rather than among the luxuries. In securing widespread financial response from our people, the Methodist women in foreign and home missionary and local church appeals have achieved all but incredible success, due to deep devotion, to thorough organization of their various societies, and to wisdom and skill in expenditures which have won the confidence and admiration of all American Protestantism.

It is an advantage in these days, when almost everything which the Church does is under the fire of criticism, to have some channels of Christian effort about which there can be no serious question. For example, hospital and deaconess work and the ministry to the under-privileged by our city societies. The results of such effort are so manifestly good in themselves that they offer no chance to theological fault-finders or social scrutinizers of either the

conservative or the radical school, or to the critics of the Church. They are forms of service whose value bears witness to itself. All the more reason then, since they enjoy this freedom, why they should be granted the amplest possible support to increase the range and quality of their service.

The Church rightly puts what we call Home Missionary and Church extension enterprises among the major items in its appeal for funds. The significance of what we call the "winning of the West" lies largely in that the physical conquest of the continental stretches between the Allegheny Mountains and the Pacific Ocean in one hundred years was one of the most stupendous puttings forth of human energy in the history of the race. On the social and political side the achievements of the frontier have for the last half-century been a key to the interpretation of our national history. The importance of the frontier in the religious history of our land is just becoming adequately appreciated. The planting of churches by the hundreds in the old days of Chaplain McCabe's war cry: "We're building two a day," and of the heroic deeds of David Morton is one of the outstanding achievements in the history of American Methodism, perhaps the most distinctive triumph thus far.

The frontier, in the old definition of the word, has been gone for fifty years. During this last half-century our Church has been faced with the even heavier problem of rebuilding church edifices over possibly two-thirds of the continent. The first churches served their day—which was a pioneer day, and with the passing of that era an entirely different physical equipment became imperative, though we may have overdone the Gothic emphasis. The properties of Methodism used for church purposes are now valued at \$481,667,082 against which there are debts of \$50,149,079.

The first years of the frontier movement have been likened to a swiftly flowing current carrying along all varieties of social elements—using the term in the most inclusive meaning—which, at the slowing of the stream, left manifold social deposits differing in national and racial and cultural antecedents. With this the denomination, in its regular organizations and through its missionary agencies, sought to cope. The aim was to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the land, and necessarily the task was extensive to a degree that John Wesley and Francis Asbury never foresaw. The later attempt has been to catch up intensively with the extensive success, with a situation

ever changing. For example, in the past generations not only has there been a movement through all the country depositing newcomers from all lands in America, but there has been more recently a general trend from the rural districts to towns, so that the students now speak not of a rural problem but of a rural-and-town problem. In meeting this complex situation, the wisdom of our Home Missionary and Church Extension efforts has been in laying the responsibility upon the whole Church, making the duty a genuinely national one. The Boards meet the criticism that they have not yet put enough stress on the need of self-support in home missionary fields. In fact those fields have responded nobly in self-support, but we may just as well realize that the general Church—acting through Annual Conferences and through its regularly constituted Boards and through staffs of trained experts selected for the purpose—will have to extend aid outright to rural fields which see the financial return from their agricultural products going in larger measure to town-and-city dwellers than to farmers, and their younger population seeking in every way to escape from the farm. Self-support will indeed need to be encouraged, but the present movement in the Annual Conferences toward the establishment of minimum salaries for workers in the harder fields will have to be encouraged. The financial situation in some rural fields where the population is mostly Negro, to take another example, is such as to make impossible anything more than a mere scratching of a surface which should have the deepest cultivation. In Negro churches not too much money is raised for general causes but more should be given to local needs.

The increase of migrant peoples in many parts of the United States has reached alarming proportions. It is a concern of all citizens that the underlying conditions leading to migration should be remedied. Our Church is profoundly interested in seeking for fundamental solutions and a fair chance for these our fellow citizens. Meanwhile there is a religious ministry to migrants for which we acknowledge responsibility. Much of this ministry can and should be exercised in co-operation with other denominations.

In the cities, which constitute a new frontier, where the population is incessantly changing, and, that too, in directions which cannot be foreseen, the denomination as an organization cannot honorably relax its efforts. There is abundant leadership, especially among our younger ministry, to keep churches vitally active if there can only be material resources with which to work. We shall have to

modify our notions as to what constitutes success in the management of a church in the quarters of cities where live bodies of industrial workers who are so poorly paid as not to be far above the subsistence line. If an increasingly sensitive social conscience sees to it that excellent school and library facilities are maintained in such districts out of general tax funds, if communities are awakening to the realization that conditions—which make it necessary for workers to live where they cannot possibly pay the rent asked by landlords—demand that housing become the responsibility of the community, if sanitary improvements must be paid for by the whole city or State, then the Church should take on itself the burden for the spread of the Gospel in sections which cannot now fully pay for such proclamation themselves. Without any attempt to play with a phrase, we may be permitted to say that spreading Scriptural holiness throughout the land involves the more even distribution of the physical means of such spreading from the places where there is enough to those where there is less. There is both criticism and praise in the oft-quoted remark that the richest denominations stay down-town longest, but whether praise or blame, the remark does imply that to an especial degree the maintenance of downtown religious centers depends upon financial resources which cannot be expected from those centers themselves.

It is not necessary before this body to do more than mention the deepening impression which our Foreign Missionary work continues to make on the Christian world. We are living through a period when foreign missionary effort is under badly-informed and yet persistent attack as is indeed every arm of Christian endeavor which shows high vigor and vitality. The best answer to these attacks is just to point to what is happening on the mission fields themselves. When a few years ago Mr. Gandhi declared, somewhat vaguely that if he had his way he would not allow proselyting by Christian missionaries in India, some missionary physicians communicated to the nationalist leaders their willingness to turn over the missionary hospitals to the Indians and go back to America. The nationalists protested against such a proposal, virtually admitting that their patriotic speeches were aimed at foreign enterprises suspected of imperialism and that India needs all humanitarian help that she can get. As soon, however, as it is conceded that medical and surgical aid are to be given to India, the door is wide open to the recognition of the necessity of other forms of aid. Anyone who has ever

been in that land in time of cholera epidemic knows that the doctor's fighting the plague depends upon his convincing the people that cholera is caused, not by a devil to be exorcised, but by a germ to be killed, not by beating of drums, but by proper treatment of food and drink: and this leads on to the teaching of scientific method in schools. The Christian school depends for its ideal of human worth, in a land cursed by fatalism and superstition and destitution, upon the preaching of the Christian gospel; and the doctrine of human worth calls for ampler material resources—in cholera scourges, for example, more fuel for proper cooking where the people are too poor to buy enough fagots for the boiling of water. Touch the missionary task anywhere and we discover that we cannot stop short of an attempt to change the Indian's view of the world and of life, his philosophy of the universe and his economic status, so completely as to create a new type of community in which reigns the spirit of mutual helpfulness instead of the desperate struggle of each man for himself.

Missionary activity today is the outstanding witness to the Christian view of a man as of value on his own account. In Christendom so-called there are many forces essentially Christian but not avowed as such, like the widely spreading democratic temper which insists politically upon the value of a man as a man. It is in the mission activities, however, that the practice of service of men by Christians sets the human value aloft as distinctive and unmistakable. To those thus served, and to those from outside who witness the service, the Christian temper is a veritable phase of the mystery of godliness. In many a non-Christian land the service of men toward one another is such a mystery until the secret is solved in an actual experience of Christian fellowship. When we reflect that the dwellers in the non-Christian world see, as representatives of what we call the Christian world, traders, soldiers, tourists, officials of an overlord government, and missionaries, we do not need to be told which of these groups most unmistakably sets forth to the non-Christian the value of a human being as a human being.

In China the courageous and self-sacrificing efforts of missionaries and Chinese Christians to relieve the hunger and destitution of millions of refugees, to save the wounded, and to rebuild desolated homes, have proved the mightiest evangel the people have ever heard. More than sermons or books, these deeds of love have convinced non-Christians of

supernatural power and have brought the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the faces of His servants.

Again, the missionary serves the cause of humanity at large by making vivid to the people of Christian lands the humanity of dwellers in the lands remote from the western type of civilization. We intend no criticism when we ask: Why has the western world shown more sympathy to Finland than to Abyssinia in the tragedies of the last few years? The answer that Finland is being attacked by a nation with a social system that the West distrusts is too simple. Abyssinia was similarly attacked by the agent of a system that Christendom distrusts. One difference is that the Abyssinian way of life is so far distant from our knowledge and even our imagination. The Christian missionaries are interpreters of peoples to one another who would otherwise find themselves growing constantly more dreadfully foreign to one another.

We rejoice in the genuine gains made for so-called backward nations by some of the so-called Christian nations in colonial policies. Nevertheless, when we recall that the aim of the so-called forward nations has been primarily exploitation in dealing with the so-called backward nations, we have to concede that the latter have thus far seen too much of the worst side of our civilization. It is to the glory of missionary enterprise that it seeks to make a revelation of the best of blessings to these peoples, and to those classes which need it most. The method is indeed elemental, with that simplicity which is a supreme Christian achievement. Bishop Walter Lambuth, one of the noblest missionaries Methodism has ever produced, once said that this approach as an ambassador of Christ to the tribes of Africa was by two steps: first, to redeem every promise or implied promise he ever made to an African, and second—he was speaking as a surgeon—in every situation to do all the good possible to every man, woman, and child whom he could help.

We are not inclined to complain of a mere change in ratio set by the appropriating commission provided that the funds sent to foreign lands are not actually decreased. It is only fair that the Church, through its constituted agencies, distribute its benevolences as it sees fit; and the Church feels that the putting of new foundations under home work is a necessity to be faced. Nevertheless foreign missionary enterprise is such an absolute duty, because of the need of all people for the Gospel of the Lord Christ, because of the renewal of the primary spirit of Christianity

in the Church at home by missionary dealing with primitive conditions, and because of the obligation of redeeming the non-Christian lands from the evils introduced by men of our own race, that unique place should be given the foreign missionary call in our appeals for benevolent contributions, and that new causes should not be listed in our official World Service appeals, when such appeals mean a decrease of funds to be devoted to missionary purposes.

We should also see to it that emergency appeals, such as those now coming to us from war-torn areas, are not when duly authorized shut out from the hearing and generous response of our people by any rigid rules regarding collections in the local churches.

As we look away from the more denominational concerns of the Church itself, we behold the almost omnipresent fact of war: a war which brings pain and despair to our fellow Methodists who are nationally arrayed against one another in Europe and Asia—distress into which American Methodism enters with deep and sincere sympathy. There is mystery enough in the working of the forces which have brought about the present conflict which it is no part of our present duty to discuss. Some features, however, of the tragedy we must present.

To begin with no nation—meaning by “nation” the people of the nation—desired this war. Aside from professional militarists, nobody today sees any glory in war. Now, strange as it may seem, we cannot make much headway against war by talking of the horrors of war. Indeed one of the most futile attacks on war is that of painting its horrors. Millions today know its dreadful terrors, but these terrors do not deter the nations from fighting. Again it is almost equally futile to point to the costs of war in an effort to do away with it. War costs so much that the conflict now going on is likely to bankrupt all the so-called Western civilizations. The costs will not be paid in our time, and, unless there is outright and universal repudiation of debts, those costs will not be paid in any stretch of future which we can now foresee. Material loss and physical pain, and the fear and fact of death are the usual deterrents in holding men back from dangerous enterprises. Not so with war. Men do not want war, but material costs, pain and death do not restrain them from it.

Nor can we contend successfully against war on any assumption that men in the mass are selfish. The over-

whelming majority of men go to war unselfishly. National leaders talk much about gains of military victory, but no economic advantage worth the name comes to the individual soldier in the ranks, or to the generation to which the soldier belongs. With negligible exceptions, the individuals giving themselves to war in behalf of their nations, in attitude and conduct, are surpassingly unselfish.

It is all but obvious that wars today call forth response because of the hold which nationalism has on the minds and hearts and wills of men. There has never been anything quite like the present-day manifestations of nationalistic spirit. The wars of other days were skirmishes as compared with the last two world-wide conflicts. Through emphasis on alleged economic advantages, places in the sun, national honor, racial cultures—an emphasis made possible by scientific methods of all but instantaneous world-wide communication—it has been possible upon occasion to arouse the public sentiment of any and all nations to a veritable fury and madness of patriotism each for itself, which will endure sacrifices that all the world knows to be beyond anything that individuals or the social structure should ever be asked to bear.

The truth appears to be, not that the nationalistic spirit has in any outright fashion supplanted the religious spirit, but that it calls forth more devotion on a wider scale than any religion has yet been able to arouse. No religious emblems in any nation have yet received so wide-spread reverence as national emblems. A Methodist preacher's quoting with approval Bishop Simpson's word in a celebrated address: "Nail the American flag as high as you can, but nail it beneath the Cross" some time ago called forth the editorial criticism of a prominent American newspaper that such preaching is dangerously unpatriotic.

We do not attempt to explain the intensity and extent of this twentieth-century nationalism, but we do protest that explanations which put any major part of the blame on Christianity are far-fetched, though we deplore the tendencies of churches in war-times to subordinate even their preaching to war aims. We are told that the nationalistic temper reveals the failure of Christianity. Coming, as this criticism does so often, from non-Christians, and un-Christians, and anti-Christians, it is about equivalent to these groups' saying: "Christianity is a failure because it has not converted us." Or again it is altogether too easy to phrase the alleged failure of Christianity in the charge that Christianity has not challenged men to heroic self-sacrifice

as has the patriotism of our age. Making all concession for the inadequacy of Christianity's demands today, we must avow that Christianity does not contemplate appeals which lay burdens upon men's shoulders too grievous to be borne or push nations to sacrifices beyond the limits of social sanity.

The old, old injunction to obey God rather than men, when the choice is clearly joined between the two commandments, is in order here. The Church has grown more and more sensitive to the denial of all spiritual values by the war-system—a system of atheism, materialism, barbarism, and diabolism—and more and more members of the Church are declaring their intention of refusing to enlist in armies, in spite of governmental orders. The supreme bodies of our various Methodism had come to avowed support of the conscientious objectors before union, and one of the first actions taken by the Council of Bishops of the United Church was to appoint a Committee of their number to aid in securing to Methodist conscientious objectors the rights due them in case of draft by military authorities. We are not restrained from such aid by taunts that the objectors are not always wise in practical affairs, for we see in their protest the exaltation of a Christian value. On the other hand, we refuse to disparage those who, whether or not under what we may call duress, conscientiously respond to a nation's call to arms, for this response is often based on an unwillingness to leave immeasurable practical consequences of vast human significance out of the account in decisions of this kind.

We spoke a moment ago of the attempted justification of war based on the legitimacy of a nation's right to a place in the sun. Places are matters of geography and surely not every nation can have the best place. When this demand comes down to the concrete, it usually speaks of raw materials and markets. In war times allied nations agree to virtual rationing of raw materials and to common access to markets so far as these are open at all. This disposes of the argument that economic adjustment is impossible. It is simply incredible to suppose that there is not wit enough in the mind of man to adjust an economic problem of this order, especially since, for the mass of men in nations at war, no material gains in a victory in modern war can, for the generation that has to wage the war, compensate for the losses of the conflict. Some effective means should be found by which the will of the people of the various nations which we believe to be against war, can be made to prevail.

One ray of hope, feeble but nevertheless discernible, struggles out of the present world-choas. Many leaders of Europe are now speaking of a federation of nations to follow the war. It is recognized that no one nation can create peace for the world, that no balance of power between nations, and that no mere league, can hold steady under the strain of competing national ambitions. One may indeed wonder if the advocates of federation realize what the plan involves. The most successful federal union is that of the United States, which brought together thirteen quarreling states into a fellowship which has spread peace over a continent, but even a casual reading of American history reveals how genuine and far-reaching were the surrenders of sovereignty to which each State had to submit before federation was possible. Whether world-federation is feasible or not, the necessity of some limitation of sovereignty is indeed more and more recognized if peace is to be a fixed feature of modern civilization. Even if the change has to do chiefly with Europe, some degree of adjustment by the United States to world-needs involving some limitation of sovereignty becomes increasingly inevitable though we do not pretend to predict the form the limitation will take. It is an inferior patriotism which refuses to consider this necessity. If we add to our hatred of war a desire for peace, we may well remind ourselves that the creation of conditions of lasting peace will involve sacrifices of some phases of sovereignty which a jingoistic or even a self-centered patriotism now considers inconceivable, but which may appear as Christian duty within a future to be measured by months rather than by years.

The function of a Church in the life of a nation itself is primarily that of holding up the moral and spiritual ideals. In a democracy of a hundred and thirty millions of people, almost all within reach of the radio, we require the steadying influences of masses of the like-minded to keep public opinion from sweeping in one direction or another like a hurricane, especially when skilled manipulation of propaganda by demagoguery, some of it ecclesiastical, controls the instruments for quick stirring of the emotions of the millions. We may well be careful in reckoning sheer size as a virtue of Methodism, but inasmuch as public opinion so continuously produces its effects by mass pressure, it is just as well to remember that, without any unworthy propaganda of its own, a denomination of eight millions can stand as a bulwark against tidal waves of war-spirit, or of any national selfish-

ness, or, to be more specific, against the racial hatred now manifested in anti-Semitism. Against any and all totalitarian movements, the Church, by insisting on its own prophetic rights and duties, and by using all available modern instruments, can at least slow down the mass craze or fashion till the nation can come back to its poise. There is something, however, more positive than this.

In the exercise of its prophetic activities in the social sphere the Church has always laid emphasis upon three bases: first, the absolute obligation to good will as between man and man; second, the importance and worth of those relative elements in human contacts which make men and races different from one another—elements which are to be studied scientifically and dealt with according to the noblest social imagination; third, those social and religious factors which make for the larger and better ideals for men and the introduction of the ideals to more and more phases of social activity. It is a sad commentary on the Christianity of any Church if it has to wait on the progress of general social sentiment before it can preach finer ideals of human conduct. In all this realm the Church should seize and keep the initiative. The conception of the policy of organized religion which encourages it to determine its course by waiting first to see what the forces of evil are to do, is not in line with the positive principles of Christianity. We are often told that Christianity suffers from inertia. Inertia in the physical world works in two ways. In one, it hinders movement; in another, it over-rides obstacles when that movement is thoroughly under way. The latter form is often needed in the ongoing of the spiritual forces. All agree, we repeat, that if our search for peace is for a peace that will do away with all wars and not merely stop this one, the nations will have to make sacrifices of self-interest which will require all the good will which Christianity can preach, a good will which must include all friends and foes, and all winners and losers. We must not yield to the fallacy that the United States must get into the war if it is to serve in establishing a new peace basis. We can serve best by staying out. The mood of either victor or vanquished in war cannot aid peace. Only those who have escaped the blood-lust of actual fighting can see a world situation steadily and see it whole. Meantime we protest against the shipping of war-supplies from the United States to any aggressor nation.

It is rightly expected that an address to the General Conference shall at least glance at the economic situation of the day. Here we note with gratification that the most widely discussed current standard by which men are more and more coming to judge industrial and commercial processes is that of the effect in aiding or thwarting the best results in human life. This indeed is the test formally, though not always actually, applied to all human institutions today. We have seen educational systems made over in the last half-century by the insistence upon the question: "What happens to the pupil who goes to the school?" We have seen the State, the family, the Church challenged by essentially the same standard: "What happens to the human beings whose life is shaped by them?"

The first division of the test as asked of the industrial organization is: Does the system produce enough? That is to say, enough within reach of the total purchasing power of the people. To answer this at all satisfactorily we should be able to point to rising wage scales in a land without serious unemployment, and to falling prices. That is to say, the people would have to be at work at pay remunerative enough to buy the goods produced in increasing volume. It is, of course, protested forthwith that high wages, falling prices and full employment do not go together, that, if prices fall, wages at least in money terms fall, that employers need a reservoir of unemployed from which they can draw reserves or into which they can discharge surplus workers as need arises—as does an army with its reserves: an analogy which overlooks one interesting detail, namely that the reserves of an army are supported at the same rate as the actives in the front line trenches. Again, high wages can draw forth higher skill, and, unless there is deliberate policy to put and keep the country on a scarcity economy, can thus make for a lowering of prices. If this seems like religion's making too many suggestions to business, let us not forget that in the periods when society was much more unified than it is today, under the control of the Church before the days of the heresy that religion is religion and business is business, the Church worked out a theory of the *just price*, and put it into effect, which was one of the most significant achievements of the Middle Ages. Nobody could expect the Church to attempt that service today, for the technical skill required makes the actual work one of experts. A Christian society, however, can make the demand, and insist that industrial leadership meet the need, through scientific mastery of the problem. Social engineers often

achieve what they at first pronounce impossible when they find they must. In the past year production in this country reached the same peak as in 1929, with the difference that in 1939 there were many more millions of the unemployed than in 1929. It is estimated that the large majority of those now unemployed have lost their places as workers through improvements in machinery and in economies of management. Nobody proposes that the improvement of machinery shall be stopped, but everybody interested in the human side of industry ought to insist that the "spread" of employment in seasonal trades be increased, as has been done in the garment workers' trades; that new fields of employment be systematically sought for those displaced by the progress of invention; that needed government works be provided for the importance of the works themselves as well as for the labor fields thus opened. The Church cannot indeed tell how these demands are in technical detail to be met, but it can increase and intensify the demand that they be met, refusing to be silenced by the economists who tell us, probably true enough, that in the long run the introduction of new machinery creates new places for those at first thrown out of work. Too many are dead before such long runs come to an end. We are thankful for some gains through the terrible depression: the acceptance by society of the duty of caring for the unemployed, and the acceptance too of the duty of caring for those who have come to old age. Surely a denomination, which has followed generously the skillful leadership that has given our ministers the pension system, can only rejoice at plans to give similar benefits to men throughout the nation. We note the distinctive and distinguished service rendered to the nation by various cultural projects fostered by the government, which have in many communities made effective new standards of intellectual and artistic creation and expression. The Church itself is under obligation to do all it can toward finding employment especially for its young people. In spite of the easy dictum of the economist that in the long run those openings for employment closed by new machinery are balanced by new work created by the machinery, the actual finding of work is not easy. Yet with patience and persistent search much can be done if the members of the churches will seriously set themselves to the task of finding fields of work for their youth. The patience, courage, cheerfulness, and resourcefulness with which the young are themselves attacking this problem is a notable moral and spiritual marvel.

We have laid main stress on our unemployment plight

because that is our most urgent economic difficulty, to be solved ultimately by some forms of social control which we do not pretend now to foresee. Returning to the industrial, commercial, financial system which we call, "the world of business," we declare that in any business transaction there should be three gainers: the seller, the buyer, and the public. Seller or buyer might gain and the other two factors not; or the public might gain and the other two not; or the seller and buyer might gain—or at least be satisfied—and the public be harmed, as in a liquor or narcotic traffic, or in any anti-social transaction.

In ordinary usage we often speak of business as an affair between buyers and sellers, but of late the wider social interest is being brought more sharply into view. We deny, not merely in the name of religion but in that of ordinary human fairness, that business men are to be allowed to run their business as they please. We even deny the old phrase, which to many seems a self-evident maxim, "*Caveat emptor*"—"Let the buyer beware." Within limits government recognizes that both buyers and sellers do not act at their own risk, but are entitled to the protection of laws and customs.

It is sometimes urged, as a disparagement of the Church, that it lays too much stress on private as over against public conduct. There is today more and more advocacy of the notion that, if a man will discharge his duties to society, his private life is his own affair, about which no other person should ask the slightest question. It is even here and there urged that it is an inherent right of any and every citizen of a democracy, especially American democracy, to go to perdition in his own way. There are some disadvantages about insistence upon this right, speaking merely from the point of view of Democracy. On the economic side there is the waste involved in the production of goods that harm individuals—as in narcotic and gambling traffics, neither of which has any social justification whatever; political waste in the pernicious influence of the corporate organization of the traffickers in the instruments of harmfulness; social damage even in the spectacle of a man's going to perdition. Because of all these aspects the Church can well declare that, in seeking to redeem men as individuals and build them into Christlike character which bases itself on the elementary virtues of the individual's consideration for others besides himself, as well as honesty, fairness, self-respect, it is rendering a primary social service—a service needed at the present world crisis on a scale never before dreamed of. Here again is to be noted that the business

world itself is calling upon the Church to preach revivals of personal integrity, even though the preaching is often urged upon ministers as an aid to a return to the prosperity of 1929—an era not conspicuous for personal righteousness.

It is important to note some movements of opinion of the nation concerning the liquor traffic which have become manifest since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. To allude to just a few of the newer arguments for the traffic, we remark that some of them are so unusual and indeed "queer" as to suggest that the defenders of the traffic are being forced out of the usual channels of argument by an opposition that may not be as articulate as formerly but which day by day becomes more intense. For example, there is the recent professedly scientific attempt at showing that alcohol as a beverage has always been the "friend of man"—the other attempt to prove that the evils ordinarily attributed to alcoholic drink are not due to the alcohol itself but to what might be called the "accompaniments" of drinking—another argument also to the effect that in times of industrial depression alcohol, in mild quantities preferably, is a relief from mental depression, presumably according to the notes of dwellers in the tropics, that "whisky is the speediest escape for the white man from India or Africa," as the case may be.

Over against these suspiciously extreme utterances is the steadily growing conviction of increasing numbers of citizens, many of whom have not been prohibitionists in sympathy, that the liquor traffic is a business which cannot be allowed to expand by the ordinary laws of business, that on the contrary must be kept under public control. This is in itself commonplace enough, but like many other commonplaces is being realized with fresh force under present social conditions. In other words, there is today increased recognition that the maxim "business is business" cannot be allowed to apply to the liquor business. The ordinary business claims the right to proceed under the law of supply and demand, though this law is admittedly limited in its actual working. There is growing public sentiment against allowing the liquor business to work under the law of supply and demand, even with the limitations of that law's ordinary processes. The insistence is that there be additional and special limitations both of demand and supply—that the liquor business must not be allowed to expand. Those who are tempted to despair of return to prohibition can take heart from the fact that the trend in public sentiment is in

that direction, and that the trend is being justified by careful students of the social harmfulness of the traffic.

Again, we have heard much, and done much in recent years in increasing the social control over the production aspects of economics. Economics has two fields: that of production and that of consumption. Society is insisting on larger control of production, and will continue so to insist. Many who are loud in their insistence that industrial producers of goods shall be hedged about by legal restrictions are equally loud in their demand that in the realm of consumption the individual is to be free to do as he pleases. The consumers of liquor, it would appear from this claim, are a special privileged class who are to be allowed their privileges no matter what the social cost. Now we have had no great sensitiveness about dealing drastically with the privileges of producers when these have conflicted with the public welfare. The argument that some consumers do not abuse their privileges can be met by the truthful avowal that some producers do not, or would not, interfere with the public welfare. The fundamental consideration is the general social good. On that consideration all the arguments against the liquor traffic abide in force. We are not pleading for espionage into a citizen's personal conduct, but we are insisting that the liquor traffic is an anti-social institution, that when it appears as a candidate for public favor it does not tell the truth about itself or its aims, that when it wins legal sanction it does not abide by the legal limitations to which it has agreed, that when it loses legal approval it proceeds by the methods of the outlaw and the gangster. Human values, whether of individuals or society, mean less than nothing to its promoters. Therefore it seems clear to us that it is our duty to labor by genuinely educational methods for such a voting majority as will demand prohibition and make it effective.

If any word is necessary about the forms of totalitarian social organization now vociferously pushing their claims, it may suffice for the present to say that all alike are openly putting force above spirit in defiance of essential Christianity, that all of them are using methods of falsehood and terrorization which the world has in a shame-faced way hitherto apologetically tolerated as alleged military necessity, but which it cannot fit into any genuinely human, not to say Christian, scheme of ethics. We have just been celebrating an anniversary of the Bill of Rights, every item of which the totalitarian systems violate. The most ambitious

of these professedly idealistic policies—the communistic—has already gone so far in contradiction of its own dogmas as to make it worthless as a guide to a new order. If we accept the ideals of this system, we have to admit that it has not thrown light upon any humanly acceptable method of getting itself into practical, working expression when the moral costs are taken into the account. All of these claimants for world-wide support alike—imperialism, fascism, nazism, communism—fall by reliance upon the heresy that the end justifies the means. We repeat that the acceptance of the immoral means has blinded the champions of the new orders to any moral ends worthy of a human society. All the current forms of totalitarianism are morally bankrupt.

It does not meet the demands for exercise of moral judgment upon the present course of world events to dismiss all this with the easy remark that all modern nations are guilty. Our revolutionary forefathers spoke of a decent respect to the opinions of mankind. Such decent respect to the opinions is not likely to be forthcoming if the opinions are not expressed. There is surely a difference between aggressor nations today and those that have been and are being attacked. Whatever may have been the history of nations that have been recently overthrown, that does not justify our refusing to hold and express opinions on the nations that have overthrown them. Moreover, all nations may be guilty and yet not alike guilty. A nation may be guilty of denial of material rights to individuals or to other nations, but this is not guilt like that of heaping all manner of degrading indignities upon men, and of torturing them, and of murdering them. Nothing, for example, that the Jews have done can justify the enormity of the wickedness perpetrated upon them. Nevertheless this does not mean that we are to be silent before the current imperialisms which, though they may be innocent of the grosser totalitarian inhumanity, do put the interests of subject peoples in second place as compared with those of the overruling nations.

Confronted as we are by an appalling world-situation which affects the political, industrial, social, and cultural aspects of the life of all nations, the question inevitably arises as to the possibility of the ecumenical union of all the forces of Christendom. The question more naturally faces us because of our increasing realization of a subtle spirit of oneness which brings together, in sympathy at least, all the forces today opposed to Christianity. The possessing

classes in each land understand the possessing classes in every other land. The "haves" in this world may feel a deadly enmity against other "haves," but with abundant provision for unselfish exceptions, that enmity toward one another is not as deep-seated or as powerful as the enmity they feel against any stirrings of the "have-nots" for greater freedom from the "haves." The "have-nots" respond with like bitterness. The Church should be the home of both the "haves" and the "have-nots," and should work toward every increase of the spirit of brotherhood between them. Our own denomination should make a deeper impression upon the millions of organized labor in America—a group which, because of its internal warfare, is not acquitting itself with credit at the moment, but which must eventually be the indispensable agent in putting into effect certain social ideals which the Church has been formally sanctioning from the beginning of this century.

The mere fact of speaking with one voice would give the Church vast influence in times like ours. The psychological effect of such singleness of utterance would be immeasurable. It is a ground for gratification that two members of your Council of Bishops are officially related to the movement which has found expression in the World Council of Churches. We remind you that the Uniting Conference voted that The Methodist Church join the World Council of Churches, and the formal invitation has now been received. We are sure that the General Conference will accept the invitation. Bishop Baker is Vice-President of the International Missionary Council for North America and Bishop Holt is Chairman of the American Section of the Universal Christian Council in Life and Work. Abstractly considered, there is not anything insuperable in the creation of a unified organization for the manifestation of the spirit of Christ, and for carrying out that spirit into action, and the actual obstacles lose much of their force when they are frankly faced. We are referring to Protestantism. Of course there is no use of talking about union with a Roman Catholicism which today insists upon her infallibility as an authority even more strenuously than before the Reformation. This does not mean that the Roman Church has not immensely expanded and improved her idea of what Christian life is and involves since the Reformation. The Roman Church has, in spite of admitted abuses, always succeeded in developing in exceptional individuals high types of saintliness, but she does not yet abate one trace of her claim to totalitarian authority over all aspects of human life. Recent events

reveal anew her purpose to press to the utmost even the most doubtful diplomatic advantages, especially in her relation to the United States. We express our sincere appreciation of the oft-declared interest of the President of the United States on behalf of world peace and especially his frequent emphasis upon the social and religious foundations of peace, and we are ready to join the Roman Catholic Church and with all other religious or secular organizations to promote world peace; but we do deplore and must firmly resist any union of Church and State, and are and will be unalterably opposed to any establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the United States. The Eastern Orthodox Church has not the severity of temper or the tightness of organization of the Roman Church, and has been friendly in interchanges of Christian friendship with representatives of Protestantism.

We may here remind ourselves that the authoritarian ambition prevails in some Protestant groups, the authority based on some peculiarity of interpretation of the Bible, or on devotion to some cherished sacredness of this or that feature of ecclesiastical succession. Such groups, however, are at least open to discussion of practical adjustments.

On the other hand there is considerable difficulty with the groups which insist, in the name of freedom, upon their unwillingness to surrender any point to centralized control even for the sake of a practical effectiveness where no question of doctrine or religious experience is involved. We have heard times without number from representatives of the groups that they are the true Protestants in that they carry the individualism of Protestantism out to its logical conclusions. It is not inconceivable, however, that even they may agree with the Methodists in the sanction of Samuel Wesley's remark to his son John: "Remember that logic is not everything in this world."

In the movement toward the union of the Protestant groups, we who have achieved the greatest merger of Christian believers in the history of the Church, may well take heart from a few most important considerations which are being understood with growing clearness by the groups concerned. First, that in addition to the enlarged effectiveness of a single voice as spokesman, closer union in doing together the things that can best be done together, leaves the churches free to do separately whatever they can best do separately—in a word, to "mind their own business" better; second, the churches are coming to sounder knowledge of one another through the works in which they are engaged

together; third, the spirit of unity itself is developing rapidly through these closer contacts. Let but this co-operation, of which the activities of the Federal Council are the conspicuous instance, go a little farther and for a little longer and a little more prayerfully, and we shall find ourselves in that happy condition in which a formal organization becomes but the ratification of a status already existing.

In all these reflections, we must not forget the twofold aspects of the Church's life. First there are the instrumental activities: the means of grace, the ecclesiastical furnishing by which the spirit of God is, as we steadfastly believe, appropriated by and lived forth by men. The sacredness of the ecclesiastical instrument is to be judged by the sacredness of the results in the lives of those who use the instruments. The redemptive results achieved are themselves so wonderful that we can well understand the honor paid the instruments, but the sanction of the ends does not warrant our putting the means in the first place of honor. Without any especial boasting, we may remind ourselves that Methodism has always judged creeds by their effects in the minds of believers, liturgies by the quickening of the worshipful spirit, and orders and officers of ministry by their practical efficiency in accomplishing the works of the Kingdom of God in the lives of the believers, who are the ends of the instrumental means: the body of Christ.

While we hold this double aspect of the Church in mind, we repeat that we must be careful in the use of the term "instrumental" as applied to the Church. Organizational features of the Church are what we mean when we talk of the Church as instrument, but the other aspect of the Church is far more fundamental: that fellowship which binds the members of the Church together as organs of one another and of the Body of Christ. Fellowship is far more than organizational; it is organic. Indeed, in dealing with so-called Methodist "machinery," the aim of all our ecclesiastical officials is to lift organizational action out of the realm of statistical and mechanical efficiency into that of fellowship. It has been, and in some quarters still is, quite the fashion to ask critically, for example, what a District Superintendent does in the Methodist system. The District Superintendent, once called by a discerning Methodist leader "the applied end of the Episcopacy," is today discharging a more important function in Methodism than ever before, and that on a stage that is not always visible to spectators. He is dealing with preachers and laymen on the more human side and less on the official side than ever before, making the innumerable personal adjustments between ministers and

laymen without which organizations become hard-and-fast and worse than wooden, even steel-like in their stiffness. In making personal and organizational adjustments count for religious progress, the District Superintendent today has a field altogether unique. Only those charged with administratively overseeing the general activities of the Church know how well the District Superintendents are meeting this requirement. More often than any of us can tell, the determinative factor in the making of pastoral appointments is the confidence of the churches in the judgment of District Superintendents. If a cabinet should, in the name of a much-vaunted "business" efficiency, attempt to move preachers about like pieces on a system of churches like a chessboard, the result would be disastrous to the movers, the moved, and the churches.

Fellowship as a Church ideal is noted in the New Testament, but it takes on fresh importance in this day of rapidly increasing congestion in population centers. The old possibility of fellowship as based on the spatial nearness of men one to another is in eclipse. Present conditions may not be permanent, for tendencies toward decentralization of population are more and more manifest. In early Methodism Wesley and his followers dealt with relatively fixed groups. Even in the growing industrial centers there was nothing like the fluidity of population possible under our transportation conditions. Moreover the first Methodists went to preaching services because there was not much else within reach. Now there is too much else within reach. It is altogether too easy, in view of this rapidly changing population in many communities, to insist upon the merger of congregations, merger which is often indeed wise policy. In instance after instance, however, the merger impairs the fellowship of the congregation. It also hinders the development of lay leadership by doing away with the smaller groups which offer opportunity for training in such leadership. One of the marvels of early Wesleyanism was that it gave laymen in the Methodist societies chance to develop their power to lead. To be sure, the best way a layman can spread the Gospel is to live forth the truth of the Gospel in his daily life, but that applies to everybody. The devotion of the layman to the Gospel, like the devotion of the preacher, is deepened by some specifically church responsibility. We should not reduce the numbers of these opportunities. If we may be permitted a militaristic illustration, Napoleon used to say that he united the divisions of his army for battle and kept them separate for the march. He knew the importance of minor loyalties to smaller units in

developing individual initiative for use in the hour of battle.

We have come in these later days to realize the importance of size in carrying on the Kingdom of God. On the dark side of the age we see that the terror of war is that now war means whole nations in arms. Wars are not won by armies, but by the organization of the industry and the public opinion and the "will to war" of the fighting nations. Likewise the Churches must mass all their forces to stand against the huge might of which war is just now the foremost expression. It has become almost a fashion for critics of the Churches to reproach the ministry with failing to speak the truths uttered in these terrible days. The preachers have proclaimed the necessary truths more pointedly than any other leaders. The trouble has been that there has been no way to give volume to what they are saying. The responsibility is upon us to put the weight and size of the united Methodism back of the message of the preachers.

We have assembled in this General Conference with the echoes of the Methodist Advance fresh in our thought. In more than eighty cities of this land the people have come together, filling the largest audience rooms of those cities, to hear addresses on themes appropriate to unification. No such groups could have been assembled except through the rare skill of those in charge of the enterprise, but something more than organizing ability has been responsible, something more even than mere denominational loyalty. The addresses have not aimed at eloquence as we ordinarily use the term. The themes have dealt with the ordinary processes of the Church life and what they can do in times like these. Accepting the body of Catholic doctrine as it came down through the Anglican channel, Methodism stood from the first for not more than four forms of emphasis: the possibility of conversion from death to life; the possibility of attaining to assurance of the presence of the Divine Life in the consciousness of the believer; the possibility of claiming the child born in a Christian home as a member of the Divine family to be trained from the beginning in the responsibilities and privileges of the family; the right-of-way of the religious life over all instruments of organization whatsoever, and the entire sanctification of all activities of the Christian's life. These essentials remain at their center always the same, and yet are capable of enlarged and more various application as the generations pass. It was such essentials as these which called forth the interested attention of the great audiences which greeted the Methodist Advance; and yet that interest was not satisfied by regarding the meetings as final. Everywhere there was

demand that the Church state its purposes. The Advance must be all along the line in putting the purposes into effect.

In this day of unification we must not fall into the error of supposing that unification once legally enacted will thereafter take care of itself. There are many divisive forces which any large religious organization must necessarily meet. The most important of these today arises out of the tendency of religious effort to fall apart into two halves: that of mystical emphasis on inner experience, which neglects practical effort to realize good will toward men; and that which becomes avowedly humanitarian without any noticeable thought of the divine. On this mystical side this movement subdivides again and again till we have other-worldly and indeed irrational and fanatical small sects. On the practical side are various philanthropic agencies, of excellent practical aim, but which tend away from anything which their leaders pronounce theological or ecclesiastical.

In addition we shall have to be especially careful as to sectionalism. The Jurisdictions into which the Church is now divided are justified by real differences. The Jurisdictions can best be administered by those territorially close to them, for the differences between some of the Jurisdictions are now as real as were those between England and America at the time when Methodism was organized in this country. Leadership of the denomination will have to be more and more that of the man on the ground—by which we mean the pastor who, in the midst of manifold change, should be the best judge as to what should be said or done in his particular charge. Nevertheless the Church should expect to see the Disciplinary provision, which makes possible the free movement of Bishops throughout the denomination, generally enough used to make easy the flexible adjustment of appointments throughout the connection, to keep alive mutual understanding of one another by the Jurisdictions, and common aims and a common spirit and genuine Methodist fellowship.

Criticism is sometimes urged against Methodism for its emphasis on practical activities: its machinery, its appeals for money, its numerous and long tables of statistics. There are those both inside the Church and outside who disparage all this in the name of an appeal to Methodism's historic stress on inner experience. We all admit that, if the day ever dawns when Methodism ceases to labor for the deepening of the spiritual life, that day will be its closing day. Nevertheless let us not forget that after the Alders-required over half-a-century of effort to express that experiential experience in which Methodism was born, John Wesley

ence—a half-century of putting forth of human energy without a parallel in the history of Christianity. Through those so-called practical activities the spring of Wesley's own inner experience was perennially deepened and the outflow widened. The activities increased with the inner deepening—and themselves deepened the inner life. At Aldersgate Wesley testified that his heart was strangely warmed. Fifty-three years later his constant word was, "The best of all is: God is with us." Through those years the warmth found its way out into deed, and the deeds meant the traveling of nearly a quarter-million miles in coach, on horseback, on foot. They meant the preaching of forty-four thousand sermons; the publication of scores of books, covering all phases of human helpfulness from the cure of bodies to the cure of souls. The deeds involved the setting into movement religious organizations which started from nothing and now number a total membership of over thirty-millions. To describe the Founder of Methodism, books still come from historians and biographers through some periods at the rate of nearly one a month. When in the midst of Methodism's manifold activities we cry out for a return to Aldersgate, let us remember that all these activities are themselves the protections of Aldersgate. We still need the warming of the heart. We need also the incessant activities. We need also the resulting conviction: "The best of all is: God is with us."

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Bishop John
L. Nuelsen
Opens Con-
ference

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY MORNING,
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The first General Conference of The Methodist Church opened its proceedings on Wednesday morning, April 24, 1940 in the Auditorium and Convention Hall at Atlantic City, New Jersey, at 10 o'clock A.M. with Bishop John L. Nuelsen, Senior effective Bishop, presiding.

Opening
Services

The Conference opened with a processional led by the Seminary Singers of Boston University School of Theology, followed by the members of the Judicial Council and the Bishops of The Methodist Church.

A Hymn of Adoration, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!" was sung by the General Conference, after which Bishop Nuelsen called the General Conference to worship for the observance of the Holy Communion, with the following words:

"The Lord is in His holy temple
Let all the earth keep silence before him."

Bishop Nuelsen led the congregation in The Litany of Praise, after which the Gloria Patri was sung by the Seminary Singers.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington led in the Collect for Purity and the recital of The Beatitudes.

The Ascription of Praise and the invitation to the Lord's Supper were given by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, the people standing.

Bishop John C. Broomfield led in the General Confession and offered the Prayer for Pardon.

The Words of Assurance were recited by Bishop Hughes and then all joined in the Responses of Thanksgiving.

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While the assemblage sat in reverent silence the Seminary Singers sang the historic Sanctus, and Bishop Nuelsen consecrated the elements of the Lord's Supper with the ritual prayer.

Under the direction of Bishop Adna W. Leonard, selected by the Council of Bishops, assisted by Bishops Arthur J. Moore, W. Walter Peele, and Ralph S. Cushman the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered.

Sacrament of
the Lord's
Supper Ad-
ministered

Following the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Bishops and members of the Judicial Council, the ushers then passed the elements to the delegates of the General Conference.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington then led in the Collect of Consecration. The Seminary Singers chanted the "Gloria in Excelsis."

All then joined in singing the Hymn of Exaltation, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

The Worship Service closed with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Nuelsen.

Bishop Nuelsen called the Conference to order in business session at 11:10 A.M., with the following words:

Business
Session

In the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I do now call to order this historic Conference, the first General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington led in the opening prayer.

Bishop Hughes announced and the congregation joined in singing Hymn 379,, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Bishop Hughes was recognized for a matter special high privilege and introduced Dr. Eric M.

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North, Secretary of the American Bible Society, who presented a Bible to the Conference with the following statement: (DB-1.)

Presents Bible
from the
American
Bible
Society

Just one hundred years ago the General Conference of 1840 completed the dissolution of a Methodist Bible Society and officially accepted the American Bible Society as the agency through which The Methodist Church would carry on its share of the great work of bringing the Holy Scriptures to every race and tongue and people.

Throughout the century there has been the closest co-operation between the Society and the Church in this high endeavor. Therefore, for the use of this General Conference in its services of worship and in token of one hundred years of unbroken fellowship in bringing the Holy Scriptures to many nations and to multitudes of people, this Bible is presented by the American Bible Society to the first General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Nuelsen with appropriate words, accepted the Bible in behalf of the Conference. Motion of Charles A. Robbins, Pacific Northwest, duly seconded, prevailed thanking Dr. North and officially accepting the Bible.

Bishop H.
Lester Smith
Recommends
Postpone-
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Presenta-
tion of
Episcopal
Address

Bishop H. Lester Smith was recognized and stated that the Council of Bishops recommended that owing to the crowded program of this morning, the presentation of the Episcopal Address be made the Order of the Day for tomorrow, Thursday April 25, immediately following the Report of the Committee on the Journal, and that the recess period be postponed until the reading of the Address is completed.

Recommendation
Adopted

Motion of Chester A. Smith (New York), duly seconded, prevailed that the recommendation be approved.

Gavels

Bishop Nuelsen stated that he had received two historic gavels to be used in this session of the first General Conference (DB-2):—one being made from the Wesley Oak in Georgia and used in the opening and closing sessions of the Uniting Conference at Kansas City last year, presented by

Dr. Thomas P. Potter; the other from old St. Georges' Church in Philadelphia, the Church being dedicated in 1769, presented by Bishop Richardson in behalf of the Philadelphia Area.

James E. Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) Chairman of the Committee on Rules was recognized, and moved that the proposed Plan of Organization and Rules of Order be adopted, as far as applicable, for the temporary guidance of the General Conference, with this change (DB-3)—Sub-section (2) under Roll Call on page 150 of the Handbook for Delegates, shall read "The Secretary of the Council of Bishops shall report the number of Bishops who are present, providing the Secretary, for record, a list of their names. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Charles MacCaughey, (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend (DB-4) "Section 3, Election of Secretary" page 150 of the Handbook for Delegates, by striking out the words "from its membership" after the words "the Conference shall elect" so that the Section shall read "3. Election of Secretary. If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more names." The motion was seconded by John F. Baggett (Tennessee).

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore), moved to lay the amendment on the table. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail. The MacCaughey amendment was adopted.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as thus amended were adopted for the temporary guidance of the General Conference.

Bishop Nuelsen requested the Secretary of the Uniting Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), to call the roll of the General Conference.

The Conference stood while the names of the

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J. E. Skillington Moved
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following Bishops who have died since the Unit-
ing Conference were called:

Wallace E. Brown
Eben S. Johnson
Charles E. Locke

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and also the name of the following deceased Min-
isterial Delegate-elect:

Allan MacRossie of the New York Conference;

and the names of the following Ministerial Re-
serve Delegates-elect:

George F. Klein of the Colorado Conference,
Frederick Balkuer of the Central Germany Conference;

also the name of the following deceased Reserve
Lay Delegate-elect:—

David Elliott of the Colorado Conference.

Bishops
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Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Coun-
cil of Bishops, announced there were forty-nine
Bishops present at opening session of the first
General Conference, as follows (DB-5).

William F. Anderson, James C. Baker, Edgar Blake,
Hiram A. Boaz, John C. Broomfield, James Cannon, Jr.,
Jashwant R. Chitambar, Matthew Clair, Ralph S. Cush-
man, Urban V. W. Darlington, J. Lloyd Decell, Hoyt M.
Dobbs, Roberto Elphick, Charles W. Flint, Juan E. Gat-
tinoni, John Gowdy, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Ivan Lee Holt,
Edwin H. Hughes, Robert E. Jones, Frederick T. Keeney,
Paul B. Kern, Edwin F. Lee, Adna W. Leonard, Titus
Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, William C. Martin, Francis J.
McConnell, Charles L. Mead, George A. Miller, Arthur J.
Moore, John M. Moore, John L. Nuelsen, G. Bromley Ox-
nam, W. Walter Peele, J. Waskom Pickett, Clare Purcell,
Ernest G. Richardson, Charles C. Selecman, Alexander P.
Shaw, A. Frank Smith, H. Lester Smith, John M. Spring-
er, James H. Straughn, Raymond J. Wade, Ernest L. Wal-
dorf, Ralph A. Ward, William T. Watkins, Herbert Welch.

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The roll of the Annual Conferences and Mis-
sion Councils was then called. The following dele-
gates were certified as being present by the Chair-

man of their respective Annual Conference delegations:

ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: W. M. Curtis, D. P. Slaughter. *Lay*: Zebulon Judd, C. M. Dannelly.

ATLANTA.—*Ministerial*: D. M. Stanton. *Lay*: W. T. Cunningham.

BALTIC AND SLAVIC.—*Ministerial*: Sergei Moisejenko.

BALTIMORE.—*Ministerial*: H. W. Burgan, B. W. Meeks, E. C. Beery, L. B. Smith, G. E. Williams, F. G. Holloway. *Lay*: D. S. Patterson, G. W. Crabbe, J. H. Baker, W. N. Dunn, Henry Gilligan, Mrs. J. E. Morgan.

BELGIUM.—*Lay*: Paul Hamelryk.

BENGAL.—*Ministerial*: S. K. Mondol. *Lay*: H. K. Mondol.

BOMBAY.—*Ministerial*: G. S. Mandrelle. *Lay*: Benjamin Balaram.

BURMA.—*Ministerial*: U On Kin. *Lay*: U Ba Ohn.

CALIFORNIA.—*Ministerial*: J. R. Kenney, T. C. Knoles, B. L. Jennings, W. P. Rankin, H. E. Milnes. *Lay*: J. D. Crummeý, G. C. Bagby, Mrs. O. D. Jacoby, E. M. Sweet, A. H. Moore.

CENTRAL ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: E. M. Jones. *Lay*: L. W. Lynn.

CENTRAL CHINA.—*Ministerial*: Handel Lee. *Lay*: L. P. S. Kiang.

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CENTRAL KANSAS.—*Ministerial*: A. E. Henry, A. E. Kirk, L. R. Templin, P. D. Womeldorf, I. D. Harris, H. J. Root. *Lay*: C. A. Kemp, Miss Katheryn Millsap, C. E. Rarick, Mrs. H. D. Campbell, H. B. McKibbin, Mrs. C. M. Gray.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: A. P. Coman, R. H. Huse, L. J. Radcliffe. *Lay*: A. G. Odell, Mrs. Emma O. Anderson, G. B. Ahn.

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CENTRAL NORTHWEST.—*Ministerial*: Fred Strombert. *Lay*: A. F. Regnell.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Ministerial*: J. E. Skillington, E. R. Heckman, F. P. Corson, L. A. Welliver. *Lay*: V. M. Frey, C. V. Adams, Mrs. J. H. Ake, R. W. Campbell.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.—*Ministerial*: B. F. Wishard. *Lay*: Miss Bino Banerji.

CENTRAL TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: J. N. R. Score, E. B. Hawk, P. E. Riley, F. P. Culver. *Lay*: H. H. Cherry, Boyce Martin, Nat Harris, Mrs. G. J. Bryan.

CENTRAL WEST.—*Ministerial*: B. F. Abbott. *Lay*: L. H. Lightner.

CHILE.—*Ministerial*: Pedro Zottele. *Lay*: Arturo Venegas.

CHINA.—*Ministerial*: Z. T. Kaung. *Lay*: I. W. Sze.

COLORADO.—*Ministerial*: C. E. Schofield, O. W. Auman, L. M. Edwards. *Lay*: E. C. Harrah, R. B. Spencer, Mrs. C. E. Carver.

CUBA.—*Minisetriial*: F. F. Reyna. *Lay*: Moises Boudet.

CZECHOSLOVAK.—The war in Europe prevented the delegates coming.

DAKOTA.—*Ministerial*: F. E. Lochridge, F. E. Morrison. *Lay*: B. A. Dunbar, W. A. Knox.

DELAWARE.—*Ministerial*: D. H. Hargis, D. W. Henry. *Lay*: H. S. Wilson, W. H. Staten.

DENMARK.—The war in Europe prevented the delegates coming.

DETROIT.—*Ministerial*: E. R. Willson, M. R. Reed, H. F. Carr, C. W. Brashares, H. H. Crane, W. E. Harrison. *Lay*: Hugh Harrison, Dennis Strong, Francis Knight, Mrs. Frank Raymond, Mrs. Wilbur Ale, P. G. Halmhuber.

EAST GERMAN.—*Ministerial*: Feodor Hagner. *Lay*: Charles M. Windells.

EAST OKLAHOMA.—*Ministerial*: Phil Deschner,

J. E. Bowers, J. W. Browsers, R. T. Blackburn.
Lay: W. H. Wilcox, H. E. Newton, Mrs. V. K. Chowning.

EAST SOUTH AMERICA.—*Ministerial:* J. M. Sables. *Lay:* R. R. Hill.

EAST TENNESSEE.—*Ministerial:* J. W. Haywood.

EASTERN SWEDISH.—*Ministerial:* E. S. Dahl, *Lay:* S. E. Stromberg.

ERIE.—*Ministerial:* C. T. Greer, W. E. Bartlett, T. E. Cooley. *Lay:* L. H. McKay, E. T. Welch, B. H. Gifford.

FINLAND.—The war in Europe prevented the delegates coming.

FINDLAND SWEDISH.—*Ministerial:* K. J. Hurtig.

FLORIDA (Southeastern Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* G. E. Farrar, R. E. Wicker, H. W. Blackburn, J. H. Daniel. *Lay:* S. A. Clark, F. B. Noble, A. K. Hawkins.

FLORIDA (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* J. B. Cook. *Lay:* D. A. Boyd.

FOOCHOW.—*Ministerial:* E. P. Hayes. *Lay:* Ruby Sia.

GENESSEE.—*Ministerial:* G. C. Weaver, S. A. Keen, J. W. Searles, J. H. Olmstead. *Lay:* Mrs. W. R. Brown, T. B. Clay, M. S. Gibbs, L. J. Simpson.

GUJARAT.—*Ministerial:* L. G. Templin. *Lay:* R. K. Parmar.

HINGHWA.—*Ministerial:* C. E. Winter. *Lay:* Mrs. E. F. Brewster.

HOLSTON.—*Ministerial:* F. B. Shelton, O. R. Tarwater, I. P. Martin, E. H. Ogle, J. W. Perry, J. A. Bays. *Lay:* J. N. Hillman, J. L. Robb, C. C. Sherrodd, W. O. Lowe, W. E. Brock, Mrs. H. C. Black.

HYDERABAD.—*Ministerial:* Ongole David. *Lay:* Ongole Joshua.

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ILLINOIS.—*Ministerial*: A. M. Wells, W. G. Pulliam, T. B. Lugg, W. E. Shaw, F. B. Hanna, A. R. Grummon, C. H. Thrall. *Lay*: Harold Fitch, Mrs. Carrie Baylor, J. A. Eastman, H. R. Snavelly, C. A. Imboden, C. J. Pritchett, H. S. Wiley.

INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: O. W. Fifer, W. C. Hartinger, J. G. Moore, W. T. Jones. *Lay*: T. M. McDonald, R. M. Kibler, H. M. Asbury.

INDUS RIVER.—*Ministerial*: J. A. Subhan. *Lay*: Mrs. Grace Cutting.

IOWA-DES MOINES.—*Ministerial*: L. P. Goodwin, H. E. Williams, R. M. Shipman, L. L. Weis, W. H. Meredith. *Lay*: Mrs. F. S. Dudley, Earl Smiley, Dean Taylor, P. G. James.

KANSAS.—*Ministerial*: O. E. Allison, J. S. Chubb, C. I. Coldsmith, Leslie Miller. *Lay*: W. J. Williams, Mrs. H. E. Werner, Mrs. E. E. Beauchamp.

KENTUCKY.—*Ministerial*: A. R. Perkins, S. C. Rice, J. L. Clark, E. D. Edelmaier. *Lay*: J. T. Slaton, H. M. Zimmerman, J. T. Morgan, Mrs. C. G. Sageser.

KIANGSI.—*Ministerial*: W. R. Johnson. *Lay*: Ren-Yen Lo.

LEXINGTON.—*Ministerial*: B. F. Smith, L. M. Harris. *Lay*: D. A. Bethea, J. A. Patton.

LIBERIA.—*Ministerial*: R. L. Embree.

LITTLE ROCK.—*Ministerial*: C. M. Reves, Leiland Clegg, Clem Baker. *Lay*: J. S. M. Cannon, Carl Hollis, C. A. Overstreet.

LOUISIANA (South Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: W. W. Holmes, R. H. Harper, F. N. Parker, J. W. Lee. *Lay*: H. H. White, C. O. Holland, Mrs. G. S. Sexton, Jr.

LOUISIANA (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: J. W. E. Bowen, W. T. Handy. *Lay*: M. S. Davage, J. S. Brazier.

LOUISVILLE.—*Ministerial*: R. H. Short, G. W. Hummel. *Lay*: J. L. Harman, J. H. Dickey, W. L. Cash.

LUCKNOW.—*Ministerial*: G. M. Massey. *Lay*: Ebenezer Ahmad Shah.

MAINE.—*Ministerial*: A. A. Callaghan, E. W. Robinson. *Lay*: Miss Margaret Currie.

MALAYA.—*Ministerial*: Marmaduke Dodsworth. *Lay*: A. K. Isaac.

MEMPHIS.—*Ministerial*: F. B. Jones, J. E. Underwood, C. C. Daniel. *Lay*: W. F. McMurry, Mrs. S. H. Tatum, G. L. Morelock.

MICHIGAN.—*Ministerial*: D. S. Coors, Joseph Dibley, A. H. Pellowe, N. A. McCune. *Lay*: L. D. Dickinson, Smith Burnham, A. E. McCrea, Clyde Galvin.

MINNESOTA.—*Ministerial*: L. H. Rising, E. D. Groenig. *Lay*: G. F. Reineke, Mrs. F. F. Lindsay.

MISSISSIPPI (Southeastern Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: B. L. Sutherland, B. M. Hunt C. A. Bowen. *Lay*: J. M. Sullivan, N. S. Williamson, B. M. Stevens.

MISSISSIPPI (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: J. B. F. Shaw. *Lay*: R. H. McAlister.

MISSOURI.—*Ministerial*: W. M. Alexander, E. L. Robison, O. J. Carder, F. C. Tucker. *Lay*: W. H. Utz, Jr., George Pohlman, Manville Carothers.

MONTANA.—*Ministerial*: W. B. Spaulding. *Lay*: E. E. Collins.

NEBRASKA.—*Ministerial*: L. H. Kaub, E. L. Geissinger, B. F. Schwartz, E. C. McDade, Earl Raitt. *Lay*: D. F. Kiechel, Mrs. F. G. Pennington, H. M. Greenslit, E. S. Schiefelbein, W. E. Gates.

NEWARK.—*Ministerial*: J. E. Washabaugh, H. E. Cheyney, K. K. Quimby, A. A. Brown. *Lay*: A. S. McNear, Mrs. Grace Burr, L. E. Orcutt.

NEW ENGLAND.—*Ministerial*: L. O. Hartman,

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NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Ministerial*: J. V. Claypool, M. E. Barrett. *Lay*: J. B. McCullough, W. P. Pritchard.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Ministerial*: H. D. Hawver. *Lay*: Miss B. M. Edson.

NEW JERSEY.—*Ministerial*: T. S. Brock, E. F. Hann, H. P. Sloan, Leon Chamberlain. *Lay*: F. C. Propert, A. C. Poffenberger, Mrs. H. B. Yard, H. P. Bennett.

NEW MEXICO.—*Ministerial*: W. E. Brown.

NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: R. W. Sockman, J. W. Chasey. *Lay*: C. A. Smith, J. H. Westerman, C. H. Fowler.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Ministerial*: F. B. Newell, L. H. Hough, L. F. Worley. *Lay*: H. A. Chaffee, E. R. Carman, H. N. Holmes. W. H. Barradell.

NORTH AFRICA.—*Lay*: G. M. Wysner.

NORTH ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: G. M. Davenport, J. S. Eddins, W. A. Shelton, M. E. Lazenby, M. A. Franklin, M. M. Davidson. *Lay*: Harry Denman, B. L. Ingram, A. N. Kirby, E. J. Garrison, E. C. Watson.

NORTH ARKANSAS.—*Ministerial*: A. W. Martin, J. Q. Schisler, Connor Morehead. *Lay*: C. A. Stuck, Mrs. Henkel Pewett, J. G. Moore.

NORTH CAROLINA (Southeastern Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: T. McM. Grant, J. M. Ormond, E. L. Hillman, F. W. Paschall. *Lay*: W. P. Few, W. K. Greene, G. P. Hood, Miss S. L. McKinnon.

NORTH CAROLINA (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: R. W. Winchester. *Lay*: D. D. Jones.

NORTH CHINA.—*Ministerial*: S. L. S. Lee, Feng-Shan Kao. *Lay*: Wei-Kang Chi, I-Hsin Liu.

NORTH DAKOTA.—*Ministerial*: L. R. Burgum. *Lay*: W. C. Fawcett.

NORTH GEORGIA.—*Ministerial*: W. P. King, Lester Rumble, H. C. Holland, M. M. Maxwell, E. C.

Dewey. *Lay*: T. J. Lance, J. A. Wells, S. L. Johnston, Mrs. L. M. Awtrey, N. G. Slaughter.

NORTH INDIA.—*Ministerial*: C. D. Rockey.

NORTH INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: A. W. Pugh, Fred Clarke, F. E. Fribley, P. B. Smith, W. W. Robinson. *Lay*: R. R. Roudebush, H. R. Gettle, Mrs. C. B. Croxall, H. O. DeWeese, G. H. Fenstermacher.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI.—*Ministerial*: L. P. Wason, N. J. Golding, A. T. McLain. *Lay*: J. G. Houston, J. M. Forman, D. H. Hall.

NORTH TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: Umphrey Lee, H. G. Ryan, P. E. Martin. *Lay*: E. B. Germany, D. F. Armistead, Gibson Caldwell.

NORTHEAST GERMANY.—The war in Europe prevented the delegates coming.

NORTH-EAST OHIO.—*Ministerial*: E. R. Brown, L. C. Wright, R. I. Farmer, F. W. Mueller, O. T. Olson, H. E. Stout, M. W. McQueen, C. B. Ketcham. *Lay*: James Cherry, A. L. Heer, M. C. Robinson, Miss E. J. Oram, A. L. Hoover, W. D. Archer, E. G. Beal, F. E. Stottlemire.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.—*Ministerial*: T. A. Stafford, L. H. Bugbee. *Lay*: A. L. Fletcher, Mrs. L. R. Peel.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: A. G. Judd, F. A. Miller, A. E. Legg. *Lay*: W. C. Sykes, H. C. Pendorf, A. D. Cheetham.

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NORTHWEST INDIA.—*Ministerial*: Amar Dass.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.—*Ministerial*: H. L. Davis, B. D. Beck, Claude Young. *Lay*: J. L. Yocum, J. C. Hixson, Mrs. E. R. Bartlett.

NORTHWEST IOWA.—*Ministerial*: E. A. Roadman, J. C. Butham, J. V. Madison. *Lay*: O. F. Bartz, Mrs. M. S. Morling, J. I. Dolliver.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: O. P. Clark, J. O. Haymes, W. M. Pearce, E. E. White. *Lay*:

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NORWAY.—*Ministerial*: O. A. Hagen.

NORWEGIAN-DANISH.—*Ministerial*: J. M. Beckstrom. *Lay*: M. E. Mickelsen.

OHIO.—*Ministerial*: Arba Martin, Donald Timerman, S. W. Rosenberger, A. G. Schatzman, A. J. Kestle, C. M. Coulter, J. J. Jones, R. E. Scully, J. P. Simmonds, Robert Williams. *Lay*: A. C. Jones, W. W. Kirk, E. H. Cherrington, Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, Mrs. Ruth Long, L. C. Ivins, T. W. Appleby, E. D. Bancroft, F. D. Slutz.

OREGON.—*Ministerial*: S. W. Hall, B. R. Baxter. *Lay*: E. W. Peterson, F. M. Phelps.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.—*Ministerial*: Charles MacCaughey, W. M. Snyder, C. K. Mahoney, F. L. Pederson. *Lay*: C. D. Foster, C. A. Robbins, Mrs. P. W. Sweet, C. A. Crook.

PENINSULA.—*Ministerial*: J. J. Bunting, W. A. Hearn, T. C. Mulligan. *Lay*: O. M. Shockley, Miss B. S. Brittingham, W. F. Davis.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministerial*: G. W. Henson, J. S. L. Thomas, C. W. Kitto, H. E. Hand. *Lay*: C. F. Eggleston, G. S. Lynch, J. W. Masland, Mrs. W. E. Shappell.

PHILIPPINE.—*Ministerial*: Arcadio de Ocera. *Lay*: Miss Media D. Lacsén.

PHILIPPINE NORTH.—*Ministerial*: C. M. Ferrer. *Lay*: C. D. Julian.

PITTSBURGH.—*Ministerial*: S. W. Corcoran, J. D. Piper, W. K. Anderson, D. R. Graham, T. L. Hooper. *Lay*: Miss E. M. Lee, E. W. Jones, W. C. Perkins, J. C. McQuiston, R. C. Sproul.

ROCK RIVER.—*Ministerial*: Fred D. Stone, A. S. Moore, H. G. Smith, E. F. Tittle. *Lay*: Mrs. W. H. Dangel, A. C. Crawford, C. O. Loucks, Mrs. C. H. Timmons.

RHODESIA.—*Ministerial*: T. A. O'Farrell. *Lay*: Mrs. J. B. O'Farrell.

ST. LOUIS.—*Ministerial*: C. W. Tadlock, J. F. Caskey, F. M. Bailey. *Lay*: Mrs. A. R. Walker, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, C. W. Hanke.

SAVANNAH.—*Ministerial*: C. W. Prothro. *Lay*: H. W. B. Smith.

SHANTUNG.—*Lay*: R. E. Hanson.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Southern Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: J. E. Ford, G. K. Way. *Lay*: J. C. Guilds.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial*: A. R. Howard, D. S. Curry, C. C. Reynolds. *Lay*: J. B. Randolph, C. W. Caldwell, S. J. McDonald.

SOUTH FLORIDA.—*Ministerial*: J. A. Simpson.

SOUTH GEORGIA.—*Ministerial*: H. T. Freeman, T. D. Ellis, C. M. Meeks, Silas Johnson. *Lay*: C. L. Shepard, Warren Roberts, R. S. Wimberly.

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SOUTH INDIA.—*Ministerial*: Edwin Gershom. *Lay*: Miss May Weston.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA.—*Ministerial*: R. L. Smith, G. C. Emmons, F. G. H. Stevens, G. A. Warmer, J. E. Dunning, J. L. Lyons, Willsie Martin. *Lay*: J. W. Hole, Wray Andrew, Mrs. R. E. Page, Mrs. E. R. Colegrove, Nathan Newby, James McGiffin, Mrs. B. H. Wilson.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—*Ministerial*: E. U. Yates, O. H. Free, R. N. Kean, F. E. Harris. *Lay*: J. C. Hindman, J. E. Miller, Mrs. Alice Avery, F. G. Rauschkolb.

SOUTHWEST.—*Ministerial*: J. H. Taggart. *Lay*: J. S. Cuffins.

SOUTHWEST GERMANY.—The war in Europe prevented the delegates coming.

SOUTHWEST MEXICAN.—*Ministerial*: F. E. Soto. *Lay*: A. G. Vazquez.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.—*Ministerial*: J. F. King,

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SOUTHWEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial:* Edmund Heinsohn, L. U. Spellman, R. F. Curl, C. F. Bohmfalk. *Lay:* W. W. Jackson, D. T. Peel, M. B. Brandenberger, E. A. Monsees.

SWEDEN.—*Ministerial:* Theodor Arvidson, Gote Bergsten.

SWITZERLAND.—*Ministerial:* Ferdinand Sigg.

TENNESSEE (Southeastern Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* C. J. Harrell, H. L. Upperman, J. F. Baggett. *Lay:* B. A. Whitmore, W. H. Wiseman, W. O. Batts.

TENNESSEE (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* J. W. Golden. *Lay:* S. C. Freeman.

TEXAS (South Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* P. W. Quillian, W. F. Bryan, G. F. Jones, J. W. Mills, S. S. McKenney. *Lay:* H. F. Banker, T. E. Acker, Mrs. W. W. Fondren, H. L. Towman, G. E. Carter.

TEXAS (Central Jurisdiction).—*Ministerial:* M. W. Dogan, W. J. King. *Lay:* M. W. Jordon, Mrs. P. D. Johnson.

TROY.—*Ministerial:* Mark Kelley, G. C. Douglass, J. A. Perry. *Lay:* F. H. Ryder, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Eugene Chatfield.

UPPER IOWA.—*Ministerial:* E. A. Baker, J. B. Magee, E. T. Gough. *Lay:* LeClaire Martin, Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, S. A. Cohagan.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI.—*Ministerial:* L. M. McCoy. *Lay:* R. E. Hunt.

UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA.—*Ministerial:* R. F. Morris, W. B. Garrett, W. L. Mullikin. *Lay:* H. N. Snyder, O. R. Bell, W. D. Roberts.

VERMONT.—*Ministerial:* E. H. Martin. *Lay:* A. C. Clark.

VIRGINIA.—*Ministerial:* J. M. Potts, N. B. Harmon, Jr., Hubert Sydenstricker, J. W. Moore, H. M. Canter, H. P. Myers, J. J. Rives. *Lay:* L. W.

Wells, W. R. Phelps, J. H. Rosenberger, B. L. Fisher, R. L. Brewer, Jr., Mrs. Lee Britt, J. H. Redd.

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WASHINGTON.—*Ministerial*: W. A. C. Hughes, R. M. Williams. *Lay*: W. E. Fletcher, Mrs. F. D. Tyler.

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WEST CHINA.—*Ministerial*: C. B. Rape. *Lay*: H. K. Nien.

WEST OKLAHOMA.—*Ministerial*: R. E. L. Morgan, W. B. Slack, D. H. LaGrone, R. J. Smith. *Lay*: C. S. McFall, W. M. Vickery, Mrs. E. B. Dunlap, A. R. Carpenter.

WEST TEXAS.—*Ministerial*: S. E. Grannum, K. W. McMillan. *Lay*: E. M. Cooper, S. L. Brown.

WEST VIRGINIA.—*Ministerial*: J. B. F. Yoak, Jr., F. L. Shaffer, C. G. Stater, W. M. Given, Roy McCuskey, M. C. Miles, H. E. Wark. *Lay*: Harry Shaw, G. W. Bright, Roy Reger, C. W. Evans, H. T. Jones, W. H. Coleman.

WEST WISCONSIN.—*Ministerial*: A. F. Hughes, F. J. Jordan. *Lay*: Frank Whitcher, W. P. Watkins.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.—*Ministerial*: P. N. Garber, C. C. Weaver, J. B. Craven, G. R. Jordan, W. A. Stanbury, W. A. Lambeth, G. T. Rowe. *Lay*: O. V. Woosley, J. B. Ivey, L. L. Gobbel, H. A. Dunham, P. F. Evans, A. J. Kirby, E. A. Cole.

WISCONSIN.—*Ministerial*: R. B. Stansell, I. E. Schlagenhauf, J. W. Perry. *Lay*: F. C. Boyce, G. O. Banting, John Kjolseth.

WYOMING.—*Ministerial*: G. M. Bell, J. R. Pennell, F. E. Lott. *Lay*: W. L. Hunt, A. T. Lord, E. E. Quay.

WYOMING STATE.—*Ministerial*: R. O. Hills. *Lay*: A. S. Hamm.

YENPING.—*Ministerial*: Frederick Bankhardt. *Lay*: A. S. Cheng.

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Mission Coun-
cils and
Delegates

Reserves
Seated

MISSION COUNCILS:

JAPAN MISSION COUNCIL.—*Ministerial*: J. B. Cobb.

KOREAN MISSION COUNCIL.—*Ministerial*: L. C. Branan.

On motion of the Chairman of their respective Annual Conference delegations, by common consent, the following Reserve Delegates were seated for Principal Delegates:

ALABAMA.—*Ministerial*: T. C. Casaday for H. M. Andrews. *Lay*: E. R. Malone for O. L. Thompson.

EAST OKLAHOMA.—*Lay*: Mrs. C. E. Castle for J. R. Cole, Jr.

EAST TENNESSEE.—*Lay*: Mrs. D. E. McNorton for M. W. Boyde.

FLORIDA (Southeastern Jurisdiction).—*Lay*: C. B. Peeler for Mrs. F. B. Godfrey.

INDUS RIVER.—*Ministerial*: G. B. Thompson for J. A. Subhan.

IOWA-DES MOINES.—*Lay*: Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth for Mrs. Harry Lauer.

KANSAS.—*Lay*: V. M. Dubach for J. C. Gaede.

LOUISIANA (South Central Jurisdiction).—*Lay*: E. L. Walker for T. L. James.

MAINE.—*Lay*: C. D. Baldwin for F. P. Loring.

MISSOURI.—*Lay*: P. M. Marr for F. F. Stephens.

NEWARK.—*Lay*: J. R. Joy for Fred Herrigel, Jr.

NEW ENGLAND.—*Ministerial*: L. W. C. Emig for D. L. Marsh, for today.

NEW MEXICO.—*Lay*: H. O. Davidson for C. E. Mead, deceased.

NEW YORK.—*Ministerial*: F. W. Stacey for Allan MacRossie, deceased.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Ministerial*: W. H. Stewart for J. W. Langdale.

NORTH AFRICA.—*Ministerial*: N. W. Lindsay for E. H. Douglas.

NORTH ALABAMA.—*Lay*: Mrs. Isaac Morris for R. B. Carr.

NORTHWEST INDIA.—*Lay*: I. K. Nelson for E. M. Phillips.

NORWAY.—*Lay*: Haakon Anderson for Christian Reimers.

SHANTUNG.—*Ministerial*: Tien-lu Lee for H. A. Ts'ui.

SOUTH GEORGIA.—*Lay*: G. T. Morris for T. E. Thrasher.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.—*Lay*: Mrs. B. E. Dillon for Mrs. O. M. Toppass.

WEST VIRGINIA.—*Lay*: C. O. Law for A. W. Cox.

Bishop Paul B. Kern was recognized and at the request of Bishop Nuelsen invited Bishop Dacorso of the Methodist Church of Brazil and Bishop Guerra of the Methodist Church of Mexico to take seats upon the platform.

The Secretary stating that a quorum was present Bishop Nuelsen announced the next order of business would be the election of the Secretary.

Frank B. Jones (Memphis) nominated Lud H. Estes (Memphis) and Chester A. Smith (New York), Thomas D. Ellis (South Georgia), and Edward M. Jones (Central Alabama) seconded the nomination.

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) nominated Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), and Fred P. Corson (Central Pennsylvania) seconded the nomination.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), seconded by Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), prevailed that the nominations be declared closed and the ballot taken.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, announced the following (DB-6) to serve

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Reserves
Seated

Bishops
DaCorso
and Guerra
Invited to
Platform

Election of
Secretary

Lud H. Estes
Nominated

Edgar R.
Heckman
Nominated

Nominations
Closed

Tellers
Appointed

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Tellers
Appointed

as Tellers: Rev. W. H. Stewart, New York East; Rev. T. C. Mulligan, Peninsula; G. Stanley Lynch, Philadelphia; W. H. Wiseman, Tennessee; Rev. L. P. Wasson, North Mississippi; Rev. J. H. Taggart, Southwest; Rev. D. S. Curry, South Carolina; W. H. Staten, Delaware; M. W. Boyde, East Tennessee; Rev. A. F. Hughes, West Wisconsin; Rev. J. V. Madison, Northwest Iowa; Rev. G. F. Jones, Texas; Rev. T. B. Mather, Southwest Missouri; C. A. Stuck, North Arkansas; Mrs. Byron Wilson, Southern California-Arizona; A. H. Moore, California; Rev. F. L. Pedersen, Pacific Northwest; Rev. S. W. Hall, Oregon; Rev. Tienlu Lee, Shantung; A. K. Isaac, Malaya; Paul Hamelryk, Belgium; Rev. E. H. Douglas, North Africa; Rev. B. F. Wishard, Central Provinces; A. F. Regnell, Central Northwest.

Reserves: Benjamin Balaram, Bombay; Ba Ohn, Burma; Rev. J. W. Golden, Tennessee; Lee W. Lynn, Central Alabama; Mrs. O. D. Jacoby, California; E. H. Deal, Idaho; Ongole Joshua, Hyderabad; Rev. G. C. Weaver, Genesee; W. P. Pritchard, New England Southern; L. L. Gobel, Western North Carolina; Rev. H. A. Sprague, Louisville.

Rev. Guy F. Jones, Texas, was designated as the convener of this group of Tellers.

Vote for
Secretary
Taken

The ballot was spread, the vote collected, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Report No. 1
Commission
on Entertainment
Adopted

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment for the General Conference, presented Report No. 1 (DB-7) of the Commission and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 701.

Nominations
of Council
of Bishops
for Administrative
Committees

Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, presented the following nominations (DB-8) for the Administrative Committees, and by vote of the Conference they were approved:

<p>RULES.—Rev. J. Edgar Skillington, Central Pennsylvania; Rev. T. B. Lugg, Illinois; Rev. E. B. Hawk, Central Texas; Rev. George W. Henson, Philadelphia; Rev. Costen J. Harrell, Tennessee; Secretary of the General Conference, <i>ex officio</i>.</p>	<p>APRIL 24 FIRST DAY Wednesday Rules</p>
<p>JOURNALS.—W. H. Barradell, New York East; Rev. G. K. Way, South Carolina; Rev. M. L. Harris, Lexington; Rev. R. B. Stansell, Wisconsin; Rev. W. B. Slack, West Oklahoma; Rev. F. L. Pedersen, Pacific Northwest; Rev. S. C. Rice, Kentucky.</p>	<p>Journal</p>
<p>CREDENTIALS.—W. C. Perkins, Pittsburgh; Rev. M. E. Lazenby, North Alabama; M. W. Boyde, East Tennessee; Rev. E. R. Brown, North-East Ohio; Rev. W. W. Holmes, Louisiana; G. C. Bagby, California; Rev. C. B. Rape, West China.</p>	<p>Credentials</p>
<p>REFERENCE.—Secretary of the General Conference; Assistant Secretary of the General Conference, named by the Secretary; Rev. J. L. Clark, Kentucky; Rev. L. R. Burgum, North Dakota; Rev. P. D. Womeldorf, Central Kansas.</p>	<p>Reference</p>
<p>EDITORIAL REVISION.—Rev. Fred B. Newell, New York East; W. K. Greene, North Carolina; Rev. W. C. Hartinger, Indiana; Rev. B. F. Schwartz, Nebraska; Charles A. Robbins, Pacific Northwest.</p>	<p>Editorial Revision</p>
<p>COURTESIES.—(NE) Rev. F. P. Corson, Central Pennsylvania; J. C. McQuiston, Pittsburgh; (SE) Rev. Roy H. Short, Louisville; W. E. Brock, Holston; (C) Rev. J. W. Haywood, East Tennessee; J. S. Brazier, Louisiana; (NC) Rev. H. L. Davis, Northwest Indiana; Frank Whitcher, West Wisconsin; (SC) Rev. W. M. Alexander, Missouri; W. W. Jackson, Southwest Texas; (W) Rev. Roy O. Hills, Wyoming State; E. W. Peterson, Oregon; (OS) Rev. S. K. Mondol, Bengal; Dr. Ruby Sia, Foochow.</p>	<p>Courtesies and Privileges</p>
<p>FRATERNAL DELEGATES.—Rev. John B. Magee, Upper Iowa; Rev. Lester A. Welliver, Central Pennsylvania; Rev. G. Ray Jordan, Western North Carolina; Rev. A. W. Martin, North Arkansas; Rev. R. M. Williams, Washington; Rev. Willsie Martin, Southern California-Arizona.</p>	<p>Fraternal Delegates</p>
<p>PRESIDING OFFICERS.—(NE) Rev. Mark Kelley, Troy; J. Bruce McCullough, New England Southern; (SE) Rev. T. D. Ellis, South Georgia; C. M. Dannelly, Alabama; (C) Rev. D. H. Hargis, Delaware; W. T. Cunningham, Atlanta; (NC) Rev. D. Stanley Coors, Michigan; E. H. Cherrington, Ohio; (SC) Rev. Paul Quillian, Texas; W. J. Williams, Kansas; (W) Rev. George A. Warmcr, Southern California-Arizona; Robert B. Spencer, Colo-</p>	<p>Presiding Officers</p>

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Wednesday
- Sifting** rado; (OS) Rev. Theodor Arvidson, Sweden; Ren-Yen Lo, Kiangsi.
- Nominations for Legislative Committees** SIFTING.—H. N. Holmes, New York East; Rev. W. P. King, North Georgia; Rev. L. M. McCoy, Upper Mississippi; Rev. O. W. Fifer, Indiana; Rev. L. H. Kaub, Nebraska; Rev. Tully C. Knoles, California; H. K. Mondol, Bengal.
- Hospitals and Homes** The following nominations (DB-9) for the Legislative Committees were presented by Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, and the Conference, by vote, confirmed them.
- American Bible Society** HOSPITALS AND HOMES.—(NE) Rev. Charles T. Greer, Erie; Rev. G. E. Williams, Baltimore; Stanley O. MacMullen, New England; R. W. Campbell, Central Pennsylvania; (SE) Rev. O. R. Tarwater, Holston; Rev. C. C. Weaver, Western North Carolina; George L. Morelock, Memphis; R. L. Brewer, Jr., Virginia; (C) Rev. E. M. Jones, Central Alabama; Rev. C. C. Reynolds, South Carolina; D. A. Bethea, Lexington; S. C. Freeman, Tennessee; (NC) Rev. F. E. Fribley, North Indiana; Rev. F. E. Lockridge, Dakota; Mrs. William H. Dangel, Rock River; Miss Francis Knight, Detroit; (SC) Rev. O. J. Carder, Missouri, Rev. E. C. McDade, Nebraska; Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Texas; J. S. M. Cannon, Little Rock; (W) Rev. W. B. Spaulding, Montana; Rev. William H. Hertzog, Idaho; Mrs. Paul W. Sweet, Pacific Northwest; Mrs. R. E. Page, Southern California-Arizona; (OS) Rev. T. A. O'Farrell, Rhodesia; C. D. Julian, Philippine North.
- AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—(NE) Rev. E. F. Hann, New Jersey; Rev. F. L. Shaffer, West Virginia; Henry Gilligan, Baltimore; Frank H. Ryder, Troy; (SE) Rev. John F. Baggett, Tennessee; Rev. R. F. Morris, Upper South Carolina; Mrs. S. Homer Tatum, Memphis; J. B. Ivey, Western North Carolina; (C) Rev. D. H. Stanton, Atlanta; Rev. J. B. Cook, Florida; James S. Cullins, Southwest; C. W. Caldwell, South Carolina; (NC) Rev. E. U. Yates, Southern Illinois; Rev. E. Ray Willson, Detroit; Mrs. E. R. Bartlett, Northwest Indiana; M. E. Mickelsen, Norwegian-Danish; (SC) Rev. Leslie Miller, Kansas; Rev. J. Fred King, Southwest Missouri; Mrs. F. G. Pennington, Nebraska; R. H. Nichols, Northwest Texas; (W) Rev. Charles MacCaughey, Pacific Northwest; Rev. Charles E. Schofield, Colorado; J. Wesley Hole, Southern California-Arizona; Mrs. E. C. Carver, Colorado; (OS) Rev. Arcadio de Ocera, Philippine; Mrs. Perry Hanson, Shantung.

RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP.—(NE) Rev. J. S. Ladd Thomas, Philadelphia; Rev. L. J. Radcliffe, Central New York; V. Max Frey, Central Pennsylvania; W. L. Hunt, Wyoming; (SE) Rev. N. B. Harmon, Jr., Virginia; Rev. R. E. Wicker, Florida; J. L. Harman, Louisville; J. M. Sullivan, Mississippi; (C) Rev. D. W. Henry, Delaware; Rev. S. E. Grannum, West Texas; Mrs. Fannie D. Taylor, Washington; H. W. B. Smith, Savannah; (NC) Rev. L. H. Rising, Minnesota; Rev. A. H. Pellowe, Michigan; Frank D. Slutz, Ohio; Paul G. James, Iowa-Des Moines; (SC) Rev. Phil Deschner, East Oklahoma; Rev. J. N. Score, Central Texas; H. B. McKibbin, Central Kansas; Mrs. J. D. Bragg, St. Louis; (W) Rev. G. C. Emmons, Southern California-Arizona; Rev. C. K. Mahoney, Pacific Northwest; E. H. Deal, Idaho; C. D. Foster, Pacific Northwest; (OS) Rev. Z. T. Kaung, China; Mrs. Josephine O'Farrell, Rhodesia.

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Worship

INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS.—(NE) Rev. W. K. Anderson, Pittsburgh; Rev. L. B. Smith, Baltimore; George C. Roberts, New England; W. F. Davis, Peninsula; (SE) Rev. J. W. Moore, Virginia; Rev. J. W. Perry, Holston; Miss Sallie Lou McKinnin, North Carolina; H. N. Snyder, Upper South Carolina; (C) Rev. W. J. King, Texas; Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, Washington; L. H. Lightner, Central West; D. D. Jones, North Carolina; (NC) Rev. Levi P. Goodwin, Iowa-Des Moines; Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, Ohio; Mrs. Leon R. Peel, Northern Minnesota; A. E. McCrear, Michigan; (SC) Rev. E. H. Heinsohn, Southwest Texas; Rev. R. T. Blackburn, East Oklahoma; C. O. Holland, Louisiana; R. J. Smith, Southwest Missouri; (W) Rev. Bruce R. Baxter, Oregon; Rev. James L. Lyons, Southern California-Arizona; E. E. Collins, Montana; James McGiffin, Southern California-Arizona; (OS) Rev. M. F. Sigg, Switzerland; Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, Lucknow.

Interdenomi-
national
Relations

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION.—(NE) Rev. W. M. Given, West Virginia; Rev. J. J. Bunting, Peninsula; Chester A. Smith, New York; Frank C. Propert, New Jersey; (SE) Rev. H. T. Freeman, South Georgia; Rev. J. H. Daniel, Florida; N. S. Williamson, Mississippi; W. F. McMurry, Memphis; (C) Rev. B. F. Smith, Lexington; Rev. R. W. Winchester, North Carolina; Herbert Wilson, Delaware; R. H. McAllister, Mississippi; (NC) Rev. Arba Martin, Ohio; Rev. A. Wesley Pugh, North Indiana; H. R. Snaveley, Illinois; LeClaire Martin, Upper Iowa; (SC) Rev. A. E. Kirk, Central Kansas; Rev. J. F. Caskey, St. Louis; C. E. Mead, New Mexico; John G. Moore, North Arkansas;

Judicial Ad-
ministration

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Enabling Acts
 and Legal
 Forms

(SC) Rev. Sydney W. Hall, Oregon; Rev. W. P. Rankin, California; A. S. Hamm, Wyoming State; Nathan Newby, Southern California-Arizona; (OS) Rev. C. D. Rockey, North India; Miss Media Lacson, Philippine.

ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS.—(NE) Rev. A. A. Callaghan, Maine; Rev. F. A. Miller, Northern New York; Miss Elizabeth Lee, Pittsburgh; D. Stewart Patterson, Baltimore; M. S. Gibbs, Genesee; (SE) Rev. J. Emerson Ford, South Carolina; Rev. G. M. Davenport, North Alabama; Rev. J. M. Ormond, North Carolina; Fred B. Noble, Florida; Warren P. Roberts, South Georgia; (C) Rev. B. F. Abbott, Central West; Rev. A. R. Howard, South Carolina; R. E. Hunt, Upper Mississippi; W. E. Fletcher, Washington; Rev. J. A. Simpson, South Florida; (NC) Rev. F. W. Mueller, North-East Ohio; T. M. McDonald, Indiana; Mrs. T. T. Lindsay, Minnesota; C. O. Loucks, Rock River; Rev. R. M. Shipman, Iowa-Des Moines; (SC) Rev. P. E. Martin, North Texas; Rev. J. Walter Mills, Texas; Rev. E. J. Kulp, Southwest Missouri; Rev. A. W. Martin, North Arkansas; Rev. E. L. Geissinger, Nebraska; (W) Rev. H. E. Milnes, California; Rev. W. M. Snyder, Pacific Northwest; Rev. B. L. Jennings, California; A. H. Moore, California; C. A. Crook, Pacific Northwest; (OS) Rev. L. G. Templin, Gujarat; Rev. Marmaduke Dodsworth, Malaya; Rev. E. P. Hayes, Foochow; Rev. Cote Bergsten, Sweden; Rev. R. L. Embree, Liberia; Rev. S. L. S. Lee, North China.

Nominations
 for General
 Commission
 on World
 Service and
 Finance

Nominations for the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-10) were presented by Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, and, by vote, the Conference confirmed them as follows:

(NE) Rev. C. W. Kitto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. J. Edgar Skillington, Bloomsburg, Pa.; W. Clyde Sykes, Conifer, N. Y.; H. C. Staley, 516 Charles St., Baltimore, Md.; (SE) Rev. Costen J. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. H. W. Blackburn, Gainesville, Fla.; L. W. Wells, Richmond, Va.; W. F. McMurry, Paducah, Ky.; (C) Rev. R. W. Winchester, High Point, N. C.; Rev. W. T. Handy, 2217 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.; L. H. Lightner, American Woodman Bldg., Denver, Colo.; S. J. McDonald, Sumter, S. C.; (NC) Rev. C. W. Brashears, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Rev. R. C. Raines, Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles A. Jones, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio; H. R. Snively, Marshall, Ill.; (SC) Rev. W. F. Bryan, Huntsville, Texas; Rev. A. E. Kirk, Wichita, Kan.; W. Dale Clark, Omaha, Neb.; J. T. Thompson, Little Rock, Ark.; (W) Rev. Loren

M. Edwards, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Rev. F. G. H. Stevens, Pasadena, Calif.; E. M. Sweet, 250 Fulton St., Stockton, Calif.; Frank M. Phelps, Portland, Ore. (At large) Bishop E. L. Waldorf, Chicago, Ill.; Bishop Clare Purcell, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Pennell, 669 Chenango St., Binghamton, N. Y.; Rev. Harry S. DeVore, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. O. W. Auman, Chicago, Ill.; G. E. Belcher, Belcher, Tex.

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Motion of Louis J. Kaulb (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed that the time of the Conference be extended to complete the business of the morning.

Time
Extended

Bishop Nuelsen announced the result of the ballot for Secretary as follows: "Votes cast 754, necessary to a choice 378. Lud H. Estes 489, Edgar R. Heckman 265, and Lud H. Estes is elected Secretary of the first General Conference of The Methodist Church."

Secretary
Elected

On nomination of the Secretary, the following were confirmed, by vote of the Conference, as Assistants:

Assistant
Secretaries
Elected

FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND IN CHARGE OF THE CALENDAR.—Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania).

ASSISTANT CALENDAR SECRETARY.—D. Stewart Patterson (Baltimore).

SECOND ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND IN CHARGE OF THE JOURNAL.—Harry L. Upperman, (Tennessee).

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—John B. F. Yoak, Jr., (West Virginia).

NON-CONCURRENT REPORTS.—Stanley E. Grannum (West Texas).

MEMORIALS.—Robert B. Spencer (Colorado).

COMMITTEE BOOKS.—Fred W. Paschall (North Carolina).

DISCIPLINE.—T. LeRoy Hooper (Pittsburgh), Fred B. Newell (New York East), Grover C. Emmons (Southern California-Arizona), Curtis B. Haley (Tennessee) James R. Joy (Newark.)

DAILY ADVOCATE.—J. N. R. Score (Central Texas).

BALLOTS AND TELLERS.—John J. Bunting (Peninsula), Charles A. Stuck (North Arkansas), Frederick L. Pederesen (Pacific Northwest), Arthur K. Isaac (Malaya) Guy F. Jones (Texas).

STANDING VOTES.—Asa J. Kestle (Ohio).

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TELEGRAMS AND GREETINGS.—E. Dow Bancroft (Ohio).

DOCUMENTS.—Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon).

ROLL.—Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest).

Organizers of
Legislative
Committees

The Secretary announced the following (DB-12) to organize the Legislative Committees, the Bishops having been appointed by the Council of Bishops: Meeting at 2:30 P.M., Hospitals and Homes, Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Secretary Fred W. Paschall; American Bible Society, Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, Secretary Stanley W. Granum; Ritual and Orders of Worship, Bishop James C. Baker, Secretary Ernest W. Peterson; Interdenominational Relations, Bishop Clare Purcell, Secretary John J. Bunting; Judicial Administration, Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Secretary Asa J. Kestle; Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Secretary E. Dow Bancroft.

Meeting at 3:30 P.M., Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, Bishop James H. Straughn, Secretary E. Dow Bancroft; Ministry, Bishop William T. Watkins, Secretary Charles A. Robbins; Education, Bishop Charles W. Flint, Secretary D. Stewart Patterson; Missions and Church Extension, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Secretary Grover C. Emmons; Publishing Interests, Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, Secretary John B. F. Yoak, Jr.; Conference Claimants, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary Edgar R. Heckman; Conferences, Bishop William C. Martin, Secretary Asa J. Kestle; State of the Church, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, Secretary John J. Bunting.

Death of Mrs.
J. H. Race
Announced

Bishop Welch was recognized for a privileged matter. Bishop Welch brought the sad news of the death on yesterday of Mrs. John H. Race, wife of Dr. Race, one of the former Publishing Agents of The Methodist Church. Motion of Frank E. Harris (Southern Illinois) duly seconded, pre-

vailed directing the Secretary to send an appropriate message of sympathy to Dr. Race.

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, duly seconded, prevailed that an official photograph of the General Conference be taken at this time. The photograph was taken.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop John M. Moore.

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Official Photo
of Conference
Taken

Benediction by
Bishop John
M. Moore

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1940

The General Conference convened in the session of the second day, on Thursday April 25, 1940 at 8:30 A.M. with Bishop Urban V. W. Darlington in the Chair.

Bishop John C. Broomfield conducted the devotional service and Bishop Raymond J. Wade brought the spiritual message of the morning.

The Boston Seminary Singers sang "O Sacrum Convivium," and "Climbin' Up The Mountain, Children."

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-13) was adopted as follows:

APRIL 25
SECOND DAY
Thursday

Devotional
Services

Report Com-
mittee on
Presiding
Officers

The Committee on Presiding Officers met on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 P.M., and perfected its organization by electing T. D. Ellis, Chairman, and Clarence D. Dannelly, Secretary.

The first Report of the Committee includes the following action:

Presiding at the first session April 24, Bishop John L. Nuelsen.

Presiding at the second session April 25, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*;
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-14) was adopted as follows:

Report of
Journal
Committee

APRIL 25 SECOND DAY <i>Thursday</i>	<p>We, your Committee on Journal, have examined the record of yesterday's session and have found it correct.</p> <p>ROBERT B. STANSELL, <i>Chairman</i>; S. C. RICE, <i>Secretary</i>.</p>
Order of the Day	<p>Bishop Darlington announced that the hour for the Order of the Day had arrived and that we would now hear the Episcopal Address to be read by Bishop Francis J. McConnell.</p>
Episcopal Address Read by Bishop Francis J. McConnell	<p>Bishop McConnell then read the Episcopal Address. At the conclusion of the reading the delegates and visitors arose and applauded. For the Address see page 144.</p>
Episcopal Address Referred	<p>Bishop Darlington announced that by common consent the Episcopal Address would be referred to the Committee on Reference for distribution to the proper Committees. There was no objection.</p>
Recess	<p>A recess of ten minutes was taken.</p>
Reconvene	<p>Bishop Darlington called the Conference to order at 11:18 A.M., and the Boston Seminary Singers rendered two selections, "The Heavens Are Telling," by Beethoven, and "My Lord, What A Morning," by John W. Works.</p>
The New Haven Gavel	<p>Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) was recognized and presented the New Haven gavel (DB-15) made from the wood of the old St. John Street Church, and requested that it be used at this session. Bishop Darlington appropriately replied</p>
Report of Committee on Rules Presented	<p>James E. Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) Chairman of the Committee on Rules, requested common consent for the consideration of the Report of the Committee, without reading, as the printed Report had been in the hands of the delegates for some time. The request was unanimously granted by the Conference, and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules briefly explained the Report.</p>
L. H. Hough Moves Amendment	<p>Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved an amendment (DB-16) to "Section III, Commit-</p>

tees, Item 10 Sifting Committee" by inserting at the end of Item 10 the following:

"Provided, that if fifty members of the General Conference desire any matter to be brought before the body, their statement shall be read, published in the *Daily Advocate* and referred without debate to the proper Committee, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) majority without debate against such reference."

The motion to amend was seconded by Harold P. Sloan (New Jersey) Lynn Harold Hough spoke to the amendment.

James E. Skillington spoke against the amendment. George W. Henson (Philadelphia) raised a point of order asking if Dr. Skillington was making a final statement on this question. J. Edgar Skillington replied that he was not.

Harold P. Sloan spoke in favor of the amendment.

George W. Henson moved that this matter be referred to the Committee on Rules to be reported on tomorrow morning. The motion was duly seconded.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) raised the point of order that the motion of George W. Henson was out of order because he had discussed the matter and moved to refer, thereby making a motion whose adoption would stop debate. George W. Henson stated his motion would simply postpone debate until tomorrow. The Chair ruled the order raised by Fred E. Lott not well taken.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) asked the question as to what was being referred, the amendment, or the Report of the Committee?

J. Edgar Skillington requested permission to withdraw the Section of the Report under discussion, together with the proposed amendment, with the understanding that the matter be presented in

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J. E. Skillington
Against
Amendment

H. P. Sloan
for
Amendment

G. W. Henson
Moves
Reference

A. W. Pugh
for
Amendment

Point of Order
or F. E.
Lott Not
Sustained

A. A. Callaghan
Asks
Question

Section Under
Discussion
Ordered
Withdrawn

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Point of Order
D. L. Marsh
Sustained;
Section
Referred

some form or other in a later report. The Conference, by common consent, granted the request.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) raised the point of order that the vote had not been taken on referring the Section under discussion and the proposed amendment. The Chair ruled the point well taken. The vote to refer was put and the Conference adopted the same.

C. A. Smith
Moves
Amendment

Chester A. Smith (New York) moved an amendment (DB-17) to "(3) of 3. Membership of Committees" found on page 156 of the Handbook for Delegates, and to (2) of "4 Meetings of Committees" page 157 of Handbook for Delegates as follows:

"That Legislative Committees 1 to 8 be divided into two groups, Group A and Group B, which shall meet on alternate afternoons;

That ministers and laymen shall be equally eligible to membership on any Committee;

Within the delegation each member shall choose from such Legislative Committees 1 to 8, the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made by the ministers and laymen in the order of their election until said delegation is represented on each of them."

Fred D. Stone
Proposes
Substitute

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith spoke to the same.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) offered the following substitute for the Chester A. Smith motion:

"That the Rules Committee for the General Conference of 1944 be instructed to arrange two groups of Committees, meeting on alternate days, and to provide the opportunity for equal lay and ministerial representation on these Committees.

FRED D. STONE,
AUBREY S. MOORE.
HORACE G. SMITH.

Substitute
Accepted

Chester A. Smith accepted the Stone substitute.

W. C. Perkins
for
Amendment

William C. Perkins (Pittsburgh) spoke in favor of the Stone substitute.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) raised the point of order that the motion of Fred D. Stone should follow the adoption of the present Report of the Rules Committee, as his motion deals with the Rules for 1944. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

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Point of Order
of G. W.
Henson
Sustained

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania) offered the following amendment (DB-19):

E. R. Heck-
man Offers
Amendment

"That we request the Committee on Rules to report before the adjournment of the General Conference an alternate to Rule (3) sub-section 3, so that a lay member and a ministerial member may become members of each Legislative Standing Committee in equal numbers."

Roy R. Roudebush (North Indiana) seconded the motion, and asked if Edgar R. Heckman would not also include the Administrative Committees. Edgar R. Heckman replied that if the Conference desired they could be included. There was no objection raised.

Seconded by
R. R.
Roudebush

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) raised the point of order the substitute was out of order at this time as it deals with the General Conference of 1944 and not 1940. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Point of Order
of Nathan
Newby
Sustained

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) moved the previous question on the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Rules, and the motion was duly seconded. The previous question was ordered.

Okey J. Carder
Moves
Previous
Question

The Report of the Committee on Rules, with the amendments adopted on yesterday relative to the roll call of the Bishops and the election of the Secretary; and with the amendment offered by Edgar R. Heckman this morning, said amendment being accepted without objection by the Committee and the Conference; but with "Section III, Item 10. Sifting Committee" with the Lynn Harold Hough amendment referred to the Committee on Rules for a later report, was then adopted. For Report see page 128.

Report of
Rules
Committee
Adopted

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Proposed
Rules for
1944
General
Conference

On motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly seconded, the following was adopted:

"That the Rules Committee for the General Conference of 1944 be instructed to arrange two groups of Committees meeting on alternate days and to provide the opportunity for equal lay and ministerial representation on these Committees and on Administrative Committees."

Episcopal
Address to
Be Made
Available

Motion of Thomas D. Ellis (South Georgia), duly seconded, prevailed that the Publishing Agents make available in some form the Episcopal Address, for our people generally over the Church.

Report of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-20) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report that it's selection of the Presiding Officer for the next session of this General Conference is Bishop Edwin H. Hughes.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*;
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Report of
Joint Com-
mittee on
Missions
and Church
Extension
Made the
Order of
the Day
Tomorrow

Motion of Miss Bettie S. Brittingham (Peninsula), duly seconded, prevailed that the report of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension (DCA-28) be heard tomorrow, Friday April 26, immediately following the report of the Committee on the Journal.

Meetings of
Legislative
Committees
Deferred

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved that Legislative Committees 9 to 14 be requested to defer their meetings scheduled for this evening until some later date, and that an official session of the General Conference be ordered for S. P. M. this evening in honor of "Women's Night," and to hear Miss Georgia Harkness, the speaker of the occasion. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Time
Extended

The hour of adjournment nearing, motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed extending the time of this session for the completion of its business.

Motion of W. F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report of the Special Committee of Nine, created by the Uniting Conference for the consideration of Special Collections, etc., be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, so that the text may be before the body when the Report comes up for consideration.

W. F. Bryan (Texas) moved that the General Conference set as its aim final adjournment within ten days, or not later than Friday May 3, 1940. The motion being duly seconded, W. F. Bryan spoke to the same.

Charles MacCaughey (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend by making the date May 6.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that the matter be referred to the Committee of Chairmen and that they be requested to bring in a report as soon as possible.

Motion of Troy W. Appleby (Ohio), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report No. 1 of the Coordinating Committee (DCA-27) be referred, without reading, to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the following substitutions on Committees: From the South Central Jurisdiction; Committee on Judicial Administration, Rev. O. E. Allison (Kansas) for Rev. A. E. Kirk (Central Kansas); Committee on Journal, Rev. W. B. Slack (West Oklahoma) for Rev. E. L. Jorns (East Oklahoma). List No. 1, Tellers, Wray Andrew (Southern California-Arizona) for Mrs. Byron H. Wilson (Southern California-Arizona) The Conference, by common consent, confirmed the substitutions.

Bishop Smith then read the following cablegram (DB-21).

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Report of
Special
Committee
of Nine
Ordered
Printed
Motion to Set
Time for
Final Ad-
journment
Charles
MacCaughey
Moves to
Amend
Referred to
Committee
of Chairmen
Report No. 1
of Co-ordi-
nating
Committee
Referred to
Committee
on Publish-
ing Interests
Committee
Substitu-
tions
Message from
Italian
Methodism

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LC Methodist Conference

Atlantic City, NJ.

Italian Methodism spiritually present remembers Honored Bishop Nuelsen Joining Conference hour exaltation his fruitful service.

Motion, duly seconded, prevailed that the cablegram be received and ordered to record.

Death of Miss
Ella Watson
Announced

Bishop William C. Martin, on a question of high personal privilege, announced that Miss Ella Watson, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Reserve Delegate from the Nebraska Conference, had died on her way to the seat of the General Conference, and requested that the General Conference, just before receiving the Benediction, would stand in a quiet prayer of gratitude to God for her service to the Church and sympathy for those who mourn most deeply her going. The request was granted by common consent.

Death of
Judge C. E.
Mead
Announced

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt was recognized and announced the death of Judge C. E. Mead, Lay Delegate from the New Mexico Conference and requested that his name and family be included in the prayer just before the Benediction. By common consent, this request was granted.

Report of
Special
Committee
of Nineteen
Ordered
Printed

Motion of Clem Baker (Little Rock), duly seconded, prevailed (DB-22) that the Report of the Special Committee of Nineteen on Special Days, etc. be printed in tomorrow's *Daily Christian Advocate*, in order that it may be considered along with the Report of the Special Committee of Nine, when that Report is brought to the Conference.

Minority Re-
port of
Report No.
1 of Co-
ordinating
Committee
Ordered
Printed

Motion of Frank C. Propert (New Jersey), duly seconded, prevailed that the Minority Report of Report No. 1, Co-ordinating Committee (DCA-27) be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests, along with the Majority Report, previously referred to the same Committee.

Motion of Arthur A. Calaghan (Maine), duly seconded, prevailed that after necessary announcements we adjourn.

Various announcements were made.

Bishop Darlington requested the Conference to stand in silent prayer, in accordance with action previously taken relative to the deaths of Miss Ella Watson and Judge C. E. Mead. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt then offered the concluding prayer and pronounced the Benediction. The Conference was then declared adjourned by Bishop Darlington.

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A. A. Callaghan Moves
to Adjourn

Closing
Prayer and
Benediction
by Bishop
Ivan Lee
Holt

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1940

Pursuant to adjournment the Conference convened at 8 P.M. with Bishop James C. Baker in the Chair.

The call to order was sounded by the Trumpeters, after which "The Hallelujah Chorus" was rendered by the Boston Seminary Singers.

Bishop Baker presented Mrs. J. W. Shell, the Presiding Officer for the program of the evening, "The Methodist Women Around the World."

Mrs. Shell then presented Mrs. J. D. Bragg. Mrs. Bragg named four women among those whom The Methodist Church wished to add to its Honor Roll of Leaders during these eventful days: Mrs. W. H. C. Goode, President of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church; Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church; Mrs. J. W. Perry, President of the Woman's Missionary Council of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and Mrs. J. W. Shell, President of the Woman's Convention of the former Methodist Protestant Church. Beautiful bouquets were presented to each of them as a visible token of appreciation.

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Evening

Session

Mrs. J. W.
Shell Pre-
sented to
Preside

Mrs. J. D.
Bragg
Presented

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Evening
Session

Mrs. Lucy
Leng Yeh
Sings

Scripture
Read by
Mrs. J. W.
Perry

Bennett Col-
lege Choir
Sings

Mrs. Lucy Leng Yeh of the faculty of Gingling College, China, rendered two vocal selections:

"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Harker, and "Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus."

Mrs. J. W. Perry read appropriate passages of Scripture, after which Mrs. W. H. C. Goode led in prayer.

The Bennett College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Dett rendered the following selections: "In Quiet Night" by Brahms; "Rejoice Daughter of Zion" by Handel; and "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray."

An offering was taken at this time, the offertory selection being played by Dr. Dett.

Telegram Read

Mrs. Shell read the following telegram:

"The Executive Board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church, sends greetings to your assembly, confident that the Holy Spirit will guide your deliberations in a great advance.

SUSAN H. GRIFFITH, *Recording Secretary*.

By common consent the Secretary was requested to make appropriate reply.

Dr. Georgia
Harkness
Presented

Mrs. Shell then presented Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, who in turn presented the speaker of the evening. Dr. Georgia Harkness.

Addresses
Conference

Dr. Harkness brought a timely message on the subject "One In Christ Jesus." For address see page 776.

Miss Olga
Avramova
Sings

Miss Olga Avramova, graduate of the Woman's Foreign Missionary School for Girls in Bulgaria, and Bulgarian Metropolitan Opera Singer, rendered the following selections: "Open the Gates Of the Temple" and "Consider the Lillies of the Field."

Flag Spectacle

Under the direction of Mrs. H. M. LeSourd, "The Methodist Women Around the World, a Missionary Flag Spectacle" was presented.

The audience rose and joined in singing "Tell It Out Among the Nations."

"A Living Frieze" was then presented under the direction of Mrs. F. C. Reynolds. This was followed by a Tableau and Recessional.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Dr. Georgia Harkness.

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Evening
Session
A Living
Frieze
Benediction by
Dr. Hark-
ness

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940

Conference convened at 8:30 A.M. with Bishop Edwin H. Hughes presiding.

The Order of Worship for the day was conducted by Bishop John M. Springer, following which Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs brought the message of the morning. The devotional service was concluded with prayer and the Benediction by Bishop Springer.

Bishop Hughes called the Conference to order for its business session.

The Report of the Committee on Journal was approved as follows:

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Friday

Worship
Service

Business
Session

Report of
Journal
Committee
Adopted

"We have examined the Journal of the morning session of yesterday and find it correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*;
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, was recognized upon a matter of privilege for the Conference, and stated that since the Judicial Council must be elected, it would expedite the business of the Conference to receive nominations and take a ballot this morning before the Order of the Day was entered into.

Motion of Charles M. Windells (East German), duly seconded, prevailed that prior to the Order of the Day we take a ballot for members of the Judicial Council.

Election of
Judicial
Council
Proposed

Election
Ordered

The Council of Bishops nominated and the Con-

Tellers
Appointed

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Tellers
Appointed

ference, by common consent, approved the following as Tellers with Asa J. Kestle (Ohio) as Chairman: A. C. Clark (Vermont), Rev. R. D. Graham (Pittsburgh), O. V. Woosley (Western North Carolina), Rev. A. R. Perkins (Kentucky), J. H. Rosenberger (Virginia), Rev. J. S. Eddins (North Alabama), Rev. K. W. McMillan (West Texas), M. W. Jordan (Texas), R. R. Roudebush (North Indiana), Rev. R. N. Kean (Southern Illinois), Rev. H. E. Stout (North-East Ohio), Rev. J. S. Chubb (Kansas), Rev. J. O. Haymes (Northwest Texas), H. M. Greenslit (Nebraska), Wray Andrew (Southern California-Arizona), Rev. C. K. Mahoney (Pacific Northwest), Rev. J. M. Sabenes (East South America), Rev. Frederick Bankhardt (Yenping), I. W. Sze (China), Rev. Pedro Zottele (Chile), Rev. Amar Dass (North-west India), Ongle Joshua (North India), James Cherry (North-East Ohio), R. M. Kibler (Indiana).

Nominations
of Council
of Bishops
for Judicial
Council

Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, presented the following nominations (DB-25) for membership on the Judicial Council:

MINISTERS

A. J. Allen, Pittsburgh Conference (Reserve Incumbent)

Francis R. Bayley, Baltimore Conference (Incumbent)

George C. Brown, Western North Carolina Conference (Incumbent)

Walter C. Buckner, Southern California-Arizona Conference (Incumbent)

Leslie R. Burgum, North Dakota Conference

Sanford W. Corcoran, Pittsburgh Conference (Reserve Incumbent)

J. B. Craven, Western North Carolina Conference

W. L. Duren, Louisiana Conference

J. S. French, Holston Conference (Incumbent)

W. G. Henry, North Georgia Conference (Incumbent)

G. I. Humphreys, Western North Carolina Conference

Mark Kelley, Troy Conference

Charles B. Ketcham, North-East Ohio Conference

Ernest S. Lyons, Philippine Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 Carl K. Mahoney, Pacific Northwest Conference
 A. C. Millar, Little Rock Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 R. E. L. Morgan, West Oklahoma Conference
 S. W. Rosenberger, Ohio Conference
 Richard Spann, Louisiana Conference
 B. Rhette Turnipseed, Upper South Carolina Conference (Reserve Incumbent)

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 of Council
 of Bishops
 for Judicial
 Council

LAYMEN

Jacob Cantlin, Rock River Conference
 John H. Carlock, Oklahoma Conference
 M. A. Childers, West Texas Conference (Incumbent)
 Vincent P. Clarke, New England Conference (Incumbent)
 J. I. Dolliver, Northwest Iowa Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 R. L. Flowers, North Carolina Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 Fred C. Huebner, Iowa-Des Moines Conference
 G. H. Lamar, Baltimore Conference
 M. E. Lawson, Missouri Conference (Incumbent)
 W. F. McMurry, Memphis Conference
 Benjamin A. Matthews, New York Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 C. E. Mead, New Mexico Conference
 Nathan Newby, Southern California-Arizona Conference (Reserve Incumbent)
 O. A. Park, South Georgia Conference
 Sidney R. Redmond, Central West Conference
 H. R. VanDeusen, Wyoming Conference (Incumbent)

Nominations from the floor were presented as follows:

Nominations
 from the
 Floor for
 Judicial
 Council

William H. Spurgeon, Layman, Colorado Conference, by Loren M. Edwards (Colorado); Wilmer Fell Davis, Layman, Peninsula Conference, by John J. Bunting (Peninsula); Fred B. Noble, Layman, Florida Conference, by George E. Farrar (Florida); Samuel Bratton, Layman, New Mexico Conference, by Harry O. Davidson (New Mexico); Mertin S. Gibbs, Layman, Genessee Conference, by John W. Searles (Genessee); J. B. Randolph, Layman, South Carolina Conference, by Charles W. Caldwell (South Carolina); Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, Layman, Lucknow

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Conference, by Amar Dass (Northwest India); Frank M. Phelps, Layman, Oregon Conference, by Sydney W. Hall (Oregon); Harry O. Davidson, Layman, New Mexico Conference, by William E. Brown (New Mexico).

Death of C.
E. Mead,
Lay
Nominee,
Announced

Joe O. Haymes (Northwest Texas) called attention to the fact that C. E. Mead, Layman, New Mexico Conference, had died during the year.

C. A. Smith
Moves to
Defer
Election

Chester A. Smith (New York) moved (DB-26) that the election of members of the Judicial Council be deferred unto tomorrow morning; and that the names of those nominated by the Council of Bishops and those nominated from the floor of the Conference be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* tomorrow morning; and that the election of members of the Judicial Council be made the special order of business immediately after recess. The motion was duly seconded.

Election
Deferred

By common consent, reconsideration was voted of the previous action ordering a ballot for members of the Judicial Council this morning. The motion of Charles M. Windells (East German) that we take a ballot this morning was presented to the Conference. The amendment of Chester A. Smith, deferring the election until tomorrow morning was adopted. The motion of Charles M. Windells, as thus amended, was then adopted.

Motion re
Microphones

Afred F. Hughes (West Wisconsin) moved that the microphones in the rear of the auditorium be numbered 1, 2 and 3 and that whenever a member addressed the Chair he announce the microphone from which he was speaking. The motion was duly seconded. A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised a point of order that it would be out of order to address the Chair, according to Rules adopted by the Conference, from the microphones. Bishop Hughes ruled that a strict construction of the Rules of Order compelled the Chair to sustain the point of order thus raised, and therefore the motion of A. F. Hughes was out of order.

Marion E. Lazenby (North Alabama) Chairman, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Credentials (DB-28) and it was adopted. For Report see page 682.

Motion of Chester A. Smith (New York), duly seconded, prevailed that the future Reports of the Committee on Credentials be adopted without reading and published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon) Document Clerk, for the Secretarial Staff presented the following statement (DB-29) :

Delay was experienced the first two days of this General Conference in getting certain materials into the hands of the Editor of the *Daily Advocate* and the Assistant Secretary in charge of the Journal because several members of this body were not aware of Rule No. 15, which requires that all:

“Resolutions and Committee Reports shall be presented in triplicate; and when requested by the Secretary motions including amendments shall be presented in writing.”

In the interest of accuracy for the *Daily Advocate* and *The Journal*, the Secretary has requested members of his Staff to require all motions including amendments to be submitted in writing, even where the suggestions involves but one word. Where delegates make motions hurriedly during the course of debate, the delegate will please report to the Document Clerk at the Secretary's table on the platform as soon as he has completed his debate so the motion may be reduced to writing immediately. The speed with which the record of this body must be prepared for the printer demands the Secretarial Staff have all motions in the hands of the *Daily Advocate* editor within a few minutes after a matter is presented.

The Secretary also desires in writing all statements made under the rule of special privilege, including complimentary statements referring to individuals or causes, the presentation of gavels, messages of greetings to this body, official statements from the Council of Bishops, and any other statement intended for the information of the General Conference.

The Order of the Day, the presentation of the

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Report No. 1
Committee
on
Credentials
Adopted

Future Re-
ports to Be
Adopted
without
Reading and
Published

Statement
from
Secretarial
Staff

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Order of the
Day. Report
of Joint
Committee
on Missions
and Church
Extension

Rules Not
Suspended
to Hear
Report of
Rules
Committee

Report of
Joint Com-
mittee on
Missions
and Church
Extension
Presented

Report of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension was then taken up.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) Chairman of the Committee on Rules, moved that the Order of the Day be suspended for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Committee on Rules on the matter referred to them on yesterday. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.

The Report of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension was presented by E. D. Kohlstedt, Secretary of the Committee. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the Report be adopted, as E. D. Kohlstedt was not a member of the General Conference. The motion to adopt was duly seconded. E. D. Kohlstedt read the Report (DB-30), and spoke briefly to the same. Bishop A. Frank Smith, Chairman of the Committee, being granted the privileges of the floor, spoke to the Report.

W. G. Cram
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Willard G. Cram (Kentucky) moved to amend (DB-31) Section 2 of the Recommendations by adding Paragraph 1634 found on pages 667 and 668 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church to Paragraph 1633 already specified in the Section. This was accepted by Dr. Kohlstedt, with the consent of the Committee and without objection from the Conference.

Report
Adopted

The three Recommendations of the Committee, by common consent, were adopted. The Report was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 709.

Report of
Study Com-
mittee on
Mission
Legislation
Referred to
Committee
on Missions
and Church
Extension

Motion of Joseph D. Piper (Pittsburgh) Chairman of the Study Committee on Mission Legislation, duly seconded, prevailed that the Report of the Committee (DCA-28) together with its accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Motion of Leslie R. Burgum (North Dakota), duly seconded, prevailed that the Order of the Day be suspended (DB-32) to hear the Report of the Committee on Rules.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman of the Committee on Rules, presented Report No. 1 (DB-33) and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) spoke against the adoption.

Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke in favor of the Report.

W. F. Bryan (Texas) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The Chairman of the Committee stated he did not desire to speak further. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 696.

Umphrey Lee (North Texas), Chairman of the Committee on the Location of Boards, presented the Report of the Committee (DCA-10) to the Conference. Motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report be read. Umphrey Lee read the Report and stated that the language in the last sentence of Paragraph 4, found in column 2 DCA-10 had been changed for the purpose of clarification only, as follows:

The sentence as printed:

but that the Board be instructed to proceed as rapidly as practicable to consolidate the administration of all the Divisions of the Board.

The sentence as substituted:

but that the board be instructed to proceed as rapidly as practicable to make effective the correlation and harmonization of the various Divisions, Departments and Bureaus, while preserving the co-ordinate administrative authority of the several Divisions of the Board in ac-

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Order of Day
Suspended
to Hear Re-
port No. 1
of Commit-
tee on
Rules

Report
Presented

E. J. Kulp
Against
Adoption

R. M. Ship-
man for
Report

Previous
Question
Ordered

Report
Adopted

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Committee
on Location
of Boards
and
Commissions
Presented

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cordance with the legislation set forth in Paragraphs 941 and 942 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, 1939.

J. A. Perry
Moves to
Adopt

James A. Perry (Troy) moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, Umphrey Lee spoke to the Report.

C. A. Smith
Moves to
Amend

Chester A. Smith (New York) moved to amend the Report by locating the Board of Lay Activities and the Commission on World Peace in Washington, D. C., instead of Chicago, Ill., as proposed in the Report. (DB-34). The motion was seconded by Carl H. Fowler (New York) and Chester A. Smith spoke to the same.

Recess Taken

The hour of recess having arrived, by common consent recess was taken according to the Rules of Order for ten minutes.

Reconvene

At 10:40 A.M. Bishop Hughes called the Conference to order.

Chorus of
De Pauw
University
Presented
and Sings

At the request of Bishop Hughes, Bishop Titus Lowe presented the Chorus of De Pauw University. Under the direction of Prof. Van Denman Thompson, the Chorus rendered "O Gladsome Light," by Kastalsky, and "O Love Divine," by V. D. Thompson.

L. J. Lyons
Moves to
Refer
Report of
Committee
on Location
of Boards

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) moved that the Report, with the amendment of Chester A. Smith, be referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The motion being duly seconded, Leslie J. Lyons spoke to the same.

F. B. Newell
Against
Reference

Fred B. Newell (New York East) spoke against the motion to refer.

O. W. Fifer
for
Reference

Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) spoke in favor of the motion to refer.

O. J. Carder
Moves to
Lay Motion
on Table

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) moved that the motion to refer be laid upon the table, and the motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order
of J. E.
Skillington
Not
Sustained

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) made a point of order that a motion to refer is a

subsidiary motion and cannot be laid on the table. The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved the previous question on the motion to refer the Report of the Committee, together with the Chester A. Smith amendment, to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The motion was duly seconded, and being put to a vote, the previous question was ordered.

The motion to refer was then put. A count vote being necessary to determine the issue before the Conference, the Tellers were called to their stations, the vote for and against taken, and the Tellers retired to tabulate the same.

During the tabulation of the vote the following matters were presented:

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was recognized and presented the following communication (DB-35) from Bishop W. N. Ainsworth:

To the First General Conference, The Methodist Church, Atlantic City, N. J.

My Dear Brethren:

It is a matter of great regret to me that it does not seem feasible for me to attend the sessions of this historic General Conference. My health is indeed better than for the first year of my retirement, but I am aware that I must not assume any particular burden of work or responsibility or be tempted into going to too many things. I must ask you, therefore, to excuse me.

I pray that a signal sense of the Divine Presence and His unerring guidance may rest upon the Conference and every member thereof.

With affectionate greetings for every one, I am

Your Brother in Christ,

W. N. AINSWORTH.

Earle A. Baker (Upper Iowa) brought the following greetings from Bishop Nicholson to the Conference (DB-36):

I have the high honor of bringing you the greetings of one of Methodism's most faithful stewards—Bishop

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Previous
Question
Ordered

Count Vote
Had

Communica-
tion from
Bishop
W. N.
Ainsworth

Message from
Bishop
Thomas
Nicholson

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Thomas Nicholson. He retired from active service in the Church at the General Conference held at Atlantic City eight years ago. Since that time, he has been living at Mount Vernon, Iowa. Physical disability makes its impossible to be present with us at this Conference. It is my happy privilege, however, to assure you that this servant of the Church, whose enriching ministries have put us forever in his debt, is still alert and active in mind and spirit. No member of our great Church will follow every act of this assembly more carefully nor ponder over our deliberation more prayerfully than will Bishop Nicholson. As we convey this greeting, we would suggest that this Conference through its Secretary send an appropriate message to him.

EARLE A. BAKER, *Chairman.*
Upper Iowa Conference.

Appropriate
Replies
Ordered

Motion of Charles M. Windells (East German), duly seconded, prevailed requesting the Secretary to make appropriate reply to these messages and also to send greetings to all the absent Bishops.

Committee
Substitution

Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, presented the name of H. O. Davidson of the New Mexico Conference to take the place of C. E. Mead, deceased, on the Committee on Judicial Administration. The Conference, by vote, approved the nomination.

Report of
Committee
on Location
of Board
and Com-
missions
Referred to
Committee
on Mem-
bership, Lay
Activities
and
Temporal
Economy

The Tellers presented their report on the motion to refer the Report of the Committee of Location of Boards, together with the Chester A. Smith amendment, to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. Before the vote was announced, Paul W. Quillian (Texas) raised a point of order that the Chairman of the Committee had not been privileged to make a final statement before the vote was taken.

Bishop Hughes ruled that if Umphrey Lee desired it, the Chair would have to grant that privilege under the Rules.

Umphrey Lee stated that the Conference had already voted and it would be out of place to delay the deliberations of the Conference now.

Bishop Hughes announced the result of the vote as follows: For reference 441; against reference 295. The motion to refer prevails.

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-37) was presented and adopted as follows:

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Report of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop James C. Baker as the Presiding Officer for the night session of the General Conference on April 24, 1940, and the selection of Bishop James H. Straughn as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the Conference, April 26.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*;
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

William M. Alexander (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters to the Conference:

Committee on
Courtesies
Reports

In behalf of Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) detained by illness, Dr. Alexander presented Dr. Georgia Harkness of Garrett Theological Seminary to the Conference. The Conference stood in tribute to Dr. Harkness.

Dr. Harkness
Presented

William M. Alexander then presented Mrs. Mary Lucy Leng Yeh of Gingling College, China. The Conference stood in tribute to Mrs. Yeh.

Mrs. Yeh
Presented

William M. Alexander, for the Committee, requested that Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River) be granted the privilege of presenting a matter to the Conference. By common consent the request was granted. Ernest F. Tittle presented the following Resolutions coming from the Committee on State of the Church (DB-38):

E. F. Tittle
Presents
Resolutions
for Prayer
and a Self-
denial
Offering

Be It Resolved that Sunday, April 28, 1940, be declared by this General Conference a day of prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and that every member and visitor be requested to participate in a sacrificial service by fasting and prayer on Sunday evening and by the setting aside of a self-denial offering equivalent at least to the cost of a Sunday dinner. We suggest that this time be observed by all delegates and friends singly or in groups wherever they

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Presents
Resolutions
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denial
Offering

may be as a time of deep intercession for the suffering multitudes of other lands, and of earnest petition for the speedy termination of war and the establishment of a just and lasting peace. And be it further

Resolved, that the first Sunday of June, 1940, be designated as a day of self-denial, fasting, and prayer throughout the entire Methodist Church. We urge that every Methodist follow the example of the members of the General Conference in making a sacrificial offering. We regard this period of fasting at the General Conference and its observance by the Church on June 2 as a preparation for further sacrifices to be made during the continuation of this period of critical human need. And be it further.

Resolved, that the offerings of the General Conference for this purpose be received by Dr. Ruby Sia of China, Miss Ella Newby of Poland, Professor O. A. Hagen of Norway, and Dr. Karl Hurtig of Finland, at the doors of the Auditorium at the close of the session on Monday, April 29. Be it further

Resolved, that all such offerings be sent to the Board of Foreign Missions, 50 Fifth Avenue, New York, the Board of Missions, Doctors Buildings, Nashville, Tenn., or the Board of Missions, 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, for distribution to the proper authorities. These Boards are instructed to see that these gifts are used for the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed.

Resolutions
Adopted

Ernest F. Tittle moved the adoption of the Resolutions and Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) seconded motion. The Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Bishop Guerra
Presented

Bishop Charles C. Selecman, at the request of Bishop Hughes, presented Bishop Eleazer Guerra of the Methodist Church of Mexico to the Conference. The Conference stood in tribute.

Bishop
Dacorso
Presented

Bishop John M. Moore, at the request of Bishop Hughes, presented Bishop Caesar Dacorso, Bishop of the Methodist Church of Brazil, to the Conference. The Conference stood in tribute.

Miss
Avramova
Presented

William M. Alexander then presented Miss Olga Avramova of Bulgaria to the Conference. The Conference stood in tribute.

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy be instructed, and hereby is instructed, to report on the Location of Boards and Commissions tomorrow, and that consideration of the Report be made the Order of the Day immediately following the election of the Judicial Council. (DB-39).

Motion of Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) duly seconded, prevailed that the Secretary name one permanent set of Tellers for the taking of all count votes. (DB-40.)

John W. Perry (Holston) presented the following Resolutions (DB-41) and moved their adoption.

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Committee on
Membership, Lay
Activities and
Temporal
Economy
Instructed

Permanent
Set of
Tellers
Ordered

Resolutions of
J. W. Perry
re 1940
Discipline

WHEREAS, by resolution offered by W. G. Cram and adopted by the Uniting Conference of three Methodist Churches in session in Kansas City, Missouri, Monday, May 1, 1939 it was ordered: That the Editorial Committee which is to prepare and edit the New *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be instructed to place in the New *Discipline* in proper order, the matter that occurs in the Prospectus as follows: 1. All matter that occurs on pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 inclusive, which is the Plan of Union, etc., and

WHEREAS, part of the matter on page 9 and all of the matter on page 10 of the Prospectus is omitted from the New *Discipline* of 1939, all of which had been recommended by the Commission on Union and adopted by the votes of all the Conferences of the three uniting bodies; and

WHEREAS, misunderstanding has arisen because of this omission, therefore be it

Resolved, by the General Conference of The Methodist Church in session in Atlantic City in the year 1940:

1. That the Editors of the next *Discipline* be and are hereby instructed to insert these items in their rightful place, and

2. That the recommendations on page 10 of the Prospectus be referred to the proper Committee with instructions to prepare legislation to make these recommendations effective in practice in the future work of the Church.

J. W. PERRY, J. N. HILLMAN.
J. A. BAYS, J. Q. SCHISLER.

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A. F. Smith
Speaks to
ResolutionsA. W. Pugh
Moves to
Refer to
Committee
of ReferenceJ. W. Perry
Against
ReferenceUniting
Conference
Journal
Read

The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Alfred F. Smith, Book Editor, was recognized and granted the privilege of the floor. Dr. Smith spoke against the Resolutions. (DCA-93.)

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of Reference, to be referred to the proper Committee. The motion was duly seconded.

John W. Perry (Holston) spoke against the motion to refer, and called for a reading of the action of the Uniting Conference relative to the matter under consideration.

Secretary Estes read from the Journal of the Uniting Conference, page 227 as follows (DB-42):

That the Editorial Committee which is to prepare and edit the New *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be instructed to place in the New *Discipline* in proper order, the matter that occurs in the Prospectus as follows: 1. All matter that occurs on Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 inclusive which is the Plan of Union.

2. The matter which occurs on Pages 21, 22 and 23 inclusive, which is the Articles of Religion.

3. The matter that occurs on Pages 24 and 25 inclusive, which is the General Rules.

4. The matter that occurs on Pages 19 and 20, inclusive, which is the Historical Statement.

Motion to
Refer
AdoptedResolution F.
C. Propert
re 1940
Discipline

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee of Reference, being put, was adopted.

Frank C. Propert (New Jersey) presented the following Resolution (DB-43) and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, under the Plan of Union, the legislative power of the Uniting Conference was not a general power but was merely a limited one, and

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference, in enacting and compiling the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church of the year 1939 may have exceeded its legislative power in some instances,

Therefore be it resolved, that the said Discipline of the

year 1939 as enacted and compiled by the Uniting Conference be and is hereby re-enacted as the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, subject however, to such additions, deletions and alterations as may have been made heretofore or as may be made hereafter by this General Conference.

FRANK C. PROPERT,
ALVIN C. POFFENBERGER,
HARRIET B. YARD,
HARRY P. BENNETT.

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The motion to adopt being duly seconded, Frank C. Proport briefly spoke to the same. The Resolution, by vote of the Conference, was adopted.

Resolution
Adopted

William W. Youngson (Oregon) in behalf of the Oregon delegation presented an historic gavel (DCA-94) to Bishop Hughes for use at this session. Bishop Hughes appropriately replied.

Gavel
Presented

Motion of Leslie R. Burgum (North Dakota), duly seconded, prevailed that we do now proceed with the call of the Calendar. (DB-44.)

Calendar
Ordered

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the two-thirds majority, that the Rules be suspended in order to consider the Reports published in today's *Christian Advocate*.

Rules
Suspended

Report No. 1 Committee on Education (DB-45), Title—"Election of Executive Secretaries," Calendar No. 1 (DCA-63) was presented by Arlo A. Brown (Newark) Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report, see page 515.

Report No. 1
Education
"Election of
Executive
Secretaries"
Adopted

Report No. 2, Committee on Education (DB-46), Title—"Secretarial Council for the General Board of Education," Calendar No. 2, (DCA-63) was presented by Arlo A. Brown and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 515.

Report No. 2
Education
"Secretarial
Council,
etc."
Adopted

Report No. 3, Committee on Education (DB-47), Title—"A Survey of Ministerial Needs and

Report No. 3
Education
"A Survey,
etc."
Adopted

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Methods for Recruiting for the Ministry in The Methodist Church," Calendar No. 3 (DCA-63) was presented by Arlo A. Brown. On his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 516.

Time Limit on
Memorials

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed (DB-48) that all Memorials are to be deposited with the Secretary not later than 5 P.M., on Saturday, April 27, 1940. (DB-48.)

Announce-
ments Lim-
ited to
Conference
Business

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that announcements from the platform be limited to those immediately related to the business of the General Conference.

Resolution L.
J. Lyons re
Duties of
Judicial
Council
Referred to
Committee
on Judicial
Administra-
tion

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) presented the following Resolution (DB-50) and on his motion it was adopted:

WHEREAS, paragraph 610 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church provides that the Judicial Council shall have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Committee on Judicial Administration be requested to prepare and report promptly to this Conference, for adoption or rejection, suitable legislation authorizing and empowering the Judicial Council to decide all questions of law referred to it by the General Conference.

Editors of
Discipline
Instructed

Motion of Alfred F. Hughes (West Wisconsin), duly seconded, prevailed that the Editors of the *Discipline* be instructed to bring together in one Section of the *Discipline* legislation referring specifically to the Organization and Administration of the local Church.

Report of
Scarritt
College
Referred to
Committee
on Missions
and Church
Extension

Williard G. Cram (Kentucky) presented the Report of Scarritt College for Christian Workers and moved its reference to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

William C. Perkins (Pittsburgh) presented the following Resolution (DB-52) and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

WHEREAS, the Plan of Union and the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church recognizes the mutual rights of the Laity in providing that its Annual, Jurisdictional, Central and General Conferences shall be composed of ministers and laymen in equal number, therefore, in order that this principle may be given the most practical expression, be it

Resolved, that in constituting the Committees, Boards, Commissions or otherwise designated administrative groups that may be elected by or otherwise chosen under the authority of this General Conference, due regard shall be given to the now established basic principle of equal lay and ministerial representation in their membership.

W. C. Perkins, J. C. McQuiston, Robert C. Sproul, E. W. Jones, Elizabeth M. Lee, Sanford W. Corcoran, Joseph D. Piper, David R. Graham, Wm. K. Anderson, T. Leroy Hooper, Frank C. Probert, Grover C. Emmons, Harry Shaw, F. W. Mueller, Stanley O. MacMullen, Daniel L. Marsh, Edmund J. Kulp, W. G. Cram, Leslie J. Lyons, Clyde O. Law, J. Edgar Washabaugh, J. D. Crummey.

Clem Baker (Little Rock) raised the question if this Resolution was mandatory. W. C. Perkins replied that it was based upon the statement that due regard should be given to equal representation of ministers and laymen.

Charles E. Schofield (Colorado) moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The motion was duly seconded. W. C. Perkins spoke against the motion to refer. The motion to refer did not prevail. The Resolution was adopted by the vote of the Conference.

Loren M. Edwards (Colorado) presented the following Resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Editors of the *Discipline* of the 1940 General Conference of The Methodist Church, be asked to consider publishing an inexpensive edition of said *Discipline* containing only those assembled Sections

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Resolution
W. C.
Perkins re
Equal Rep-
resentation
of Ministry
and Laity
on Commit-
tees, Boards,
etc.

Clem Baker
Raises
Question

Resolution
Adopted

Resolution L.
M. Edwards
re Inexpen-
sive Edition
of the
Discipline

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referring to the Local Church as described in the Alfred F. Hughes Resolutions just passed.

LOREN M. EDWARDS,
O. W. AUMAN,
E. C. HARRAH.

Ordered
Referred to
Committee
on Publish-
ing Interests

On motion of George C. Douglass (Troy), duly seconded, the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

F. B. Jones
Moves to
Adjourn

Frank B. Jones (Memphis) moved that after the announcements we adjourn. The motion duly seconded, prevailed.

E. R. Heck-
man
Appointed
to Com-
mittee of
Reference

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania) First Assistant Secretary of the General Conference, was appointed to serve on the Committee of Reference by the Secretary.

Cablegram
from
Laymen's
Association
Japanese
Methodist
Church

The following cablegram was read (DB-54) April 26.

LC Methodist Conference
Atlantic City, N. J.

In midst of Methodist Advance in Japan we send first United General Conference mother Churches loving congratulations and our prayers. Laymens Association Japan Methodist Church.

Benediction
by Bishop
Dacorso

The Conference adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Dacorso in Portuguese.

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Saturday

Worship
Service

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1940

The Conference convened in the session of the fourth day at 8:30 A.M., Saturday, April 27, 1940 with Bishop James H. Straughn in the Chair. Bishop William T. Watkins conducted the period of devotions with Bishop James C. Baker bringing the message of the morning, and closing the same with prayer.

Bennett Col-
lege Choir
Sings

At the request of Bishop Straughn, Bishop Robert E. Jones presented the Bennett College Choir of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

Under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Dett, the Choir rendered "From Thy Throne," by Gluck; "O Praise Ye," by Kastalsky; and a spiritual "I Hope My Mother Will Be There."

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Bishop Straughn called attention to the solid ivory gavel he was using which had been presented to the Methodist Protestant Church fifty-six years ago for use in its General Conferences.

Gavel

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-55) was adopted as follows—

Report of
Committee
on Journal
Adopted

We have examined separately the Journal of the evening session of April 25th, and the morning session of April 26th, and found them correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*;
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

By common consent the Conference heard Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) Chairman of the Entertainment Committee on matters relative to the business of the Conference, before the Order of the Day was taken up, as follows:

L. J. Lyons
Speaks on
Conference
Matters

Judge Lyons stated that the Cross would be moved over to the center of the platform before the next session.

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), duly seconded, prevailed that beginning tomorrow all programs and other hours of meeting conform to the daylight saving time which starts in Atlantic City tomorrow morning. (DB-56.)

Daylight Sav-
ing Time
Observed

At the request of Leslie J. Lyons, J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) was recognized. Motion of J. N. R. Score, duly seconded, prevailed that the rear doors of the auditorium be opened once during the Devotional Services, namely at the singing of the Hymn of Preparation, and that persons then waiting be admitted and seated at the rear behind the bar of the Conference. (DB-57.)

Motion of J.
N. R. Score
re Devotion-
al Services

Motion of Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Mis-

Adjustment
of Seats
Ordered

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souri), duly seconded, prevailed that the Commission on Entertainment be granted the privilege of utilizing, as they deem best, the seats of the overseas delegates who are absent due to war conditions, and bring the delegates in the rear of the hall closer to the front, as far as possible.

Motion D. L.
Marsh re
Flags

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved that the Commission on Entertainment be instructed to arrange for the display of the flags of those nationals who are delegates in this Methodist General Conference, along with the glorious Stars and Stripes. (DB-59.) The motion was numerous seconded.

Motion T. M.
McDonald
re Christian
Flag

T. Morton McDonald (Indiana) moved to amend by requesting that the Christian flag also be displayed with equal prominence as our National flag. (DB-60.) This was accepted by Dr. Marsh.

Motion L. J.
Radcliffe re
Arrangement of
Platform

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved to further amend the Marsh motion by requesting the Commission on Entertainment to arrange the setting for the front of the auditorium in consultation with representatives designated for this purpose by the Committee on Ritual and Order of Worship so as to place the Cross as the central symbol before this General Conference. (DB-61.) This was accepted by Daniel L. Marsh. The motion of Daniel L. Marsh, with the two accepted amendments, was adopted.

Order of Day
Report re
Location of
Boards, etc.

The Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy relative to the location of Boards and Commissions, was taken up.

Report No. 1
Committee
on Membership,
Lay Activities
and
Temporal Economy
Presented

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman of the Committee presented Report No. 1 (DCA-100) and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

J. Wesley Masland (Philadelphia) moved an

amendment to the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions.

Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest) raised a point of order that we were not considering the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions but that of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken. The motion to adopt Report No. 1 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, prevailed. For Report see page 570.

The Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions (DCA-10) was presented.

J. Wesley Masland (Philadelphia) moved to amend by striking out the words "and it seems clear that such a unified Board would be most efficiently administered if all its Divisions are located in the same city," found in column 1, lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the last paragraph; in column 2, line 6 strike out the words "And all of its Divisions"; in column 3 strike out the words in parentheses (And all of its Divisions thereof) under the heading "Board of Missions and Church Extension." (DCA-10) The motion was duly seconded.

Fred B. Newell (New York East) raised the point of order that it was customary to have the Chairman of the Committee, whose Report was under consideration, invited to the platform during its consideration.

Motion of Charles MacCaughey (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, prevailed that Umphrey Lee be requested to sit on the platform and assist in the discussion on the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions. Umphrey Lee came to the platform and stated that his preliminary remarks, made yesterday, were

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J. W. Masland
Moves to
Amend

Point of Order
of C. A.
Robbins
Sustained

Report No. 1
Adopted

Report of
Committee
on Location
of Boards,
etc.,
Presented

J. W. Masland
Moves
Amendment

Point of Order
of F. B.
Newell
Sustained

Umphrey Lee
Invited to
Platform

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Point of Order
R. M. Ship-
man Not
Sustained

sufficient for the time being, and that he would be glad to make the final remarks, as Chairman, at the proper time.

Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) raised a point of order that the amendment of J. Wesley Masland does not apply to the definite recommendations of this Special Committee, but only to the processes by which the Committee reached its conclusions. The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken, and that the amendment was before the body.

Point of Order
E. J. Kulp

Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) raised a point of order that no motion had been made either to adopt or reject the Report of the Committee.

Umphrey Lee
Moves
Adoption
of Report

Motion of Daniel L. Marsh (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that Umphrey Lee, Chairman of the Committee, be recognized to make the motion to adopt.

Umphrey Lee moved (DB-64) that the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions be adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion Willsie
Martin to
Consider
Report
Seriatim

Willsie Martin (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the Report be considered seriatim, beginning at the bottom. (DB-65.) The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Lay
on Table
Ruled Out
of Order

Wilmer F. Davis (Peninsula) moved to lay the amendment on the table. The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Motion for
Previous
Question
Ruled Out
of Order

Thomas J. Lance (North Georgia) moved the previous question on the amendment. The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

W. F. Bryan
Against
Motion

W. F. Bryan (Texas) spoke against the motion to consider seriatim.

A. A. Brown
Moves to
Amend
Motion to
Consider
Seriatim

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) moved to amend by considering the recommendations of the Committee in the order presented by the Committee. The motion, being duly seconded, Arlo A. Brown

spoke to the same. The motion of Arlo A. Brown to amend was adopted.

George A. Warmer (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the amendment lie on the table. The Chair ruled this out of order on the ground that to lay an amendment on the table takes everything with it.

T. Morton McDonald (Indiana) moved to amend the Arlo A. Brown motion. The motion was seconded.

The hour of recess being at hand, motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that we do now recess and that T. Morton McDonald speak to his motion after recess.

The Conference thereupon took a recess for ten minutes.

At 10:40 A.M., Bishop Straughn called the Conference to order. The Conference joined in singing Hymn 416, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

The Order of the Day, the election of the members of the Judicial Council, was entered into. The Tellers were called and assumed their stations for the distribution of the ballots.

Carl K. Mahoney (Pacific Northwest) was recognized and requested the privilege of withdrawing his name from the list of Ministerial nominees. By common consent the request was granted.

Abbott L. Fletcher (Northern Minnesota) raised the question as to why the names of those nominated from the floor on yesterday were not on the printed ballot. The answer given was that the ballots had been printed, in order to save the time of the Conference, before the nominations from the floor had been made, and that blank spaces had been provided for all additional nominations.

Doane F. Kiechel (Nebraska) raised the point

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Motion to Lay
on Table
Ruled Out
of Order

T. M. Mc-
Donald
Moves to
Amend
Brown
Motion
Recess

Reconvene

Order of Day,
Election of
Judicial
Council

C. K. Mahoney
Withdraws
Name

A. L. Fletcher
Asks
Question

D. F. Kiechel
Raises Point
of Legality

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Election
Postponed

Order of Day
Fixed for
Election

Consideration
Report on
Location of
Boards, etc.,
Postponed
Until
Monday

Report of
Committee
on Central
Conferences
Referred to
Committee
on Con-
ferences

"Questions for
Reference to
Judicial
Council
Referred to
Judicial
Council"

Report No. 2
Committee
on Creden-
tials
Adopted

of order that without the names of the nominees of yesterday appearing on the ballot it would be illegal.

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved that the election be postponed until we can have a ballot with all the names of all the nominees printed on it. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. (DB-68).

Motion of Arthur M. Wells, duly seconded, prevailed that the election of members of the Judicial Council be held Monday immediately after recess. (DB-68).

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions, was resumed with T. Morton McDonald, having the floor. T. Morton McDonald, on a question of privilege for body, yielded the floor to George W. Henson (Philadelphia) who moved that we postpone further consideration of the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions until Monday morning after the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. (DB-69).

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report of the Committee on Central Conferences (DCA-84, 85, 86) be referred to the Standing Committee on Conferences.

Motion of Lewis O. Hartman (New England), duly seconded, prevailed that the "Questions for Reference to the Judicial Council" of the above Report, (DCA-86) be referred to the Judicial Council.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Credentials (DB-72) was presented by Earle R. Brown (North-East Ohio) Secretary, who moved its adoption and printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (DCA-116) without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 683.

William M. Alexander (Missouri) Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, requested, for the Council of Bishops, that Bishop Ralph A. Ward be heard at this time, upon a highly privileged matter. The Conference unanimously granted the request.

Bishop Ralph A. Ward then made the following statement (DB-73):

The Council of Bishops has asked me to read to you an unusual message and to give something of its setting. From the Uniting Conference, the Council sent greetings of Christian fellowship to two devout members of our Methodist Church who are leading a great nation in a hopeful yet terrible struggle. Since I was the only Bishop whose duties took him to the city where they live, I was instructed to deliver the greetings in person.

I have the high honor now to bring a message from these two great statesmen who are fellow Christians and fellow Methodists. It comes from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang of China to the first General Conference of The Methodist Church—their Church and our Church.

The message transcends nationalism. Yet the Generalissimo is Commander-in-chief of all Chinese armies and Premier of the Civil Government of China, and has the loyal confidence of more of the Chinese of his own generation than any Chinese of whom we have ever heard.

I was witness to Madame Chiang's hesitation in its preparation. With a humility which any earnest Christian can understand she feared to express too often the Christian ideals by which they seek to be guided lest they might *say* over-much and some time not even to measure up.

The message is written both in Chinese and English. Both versions are by the Chiangs themselves and signed by them.

The Chinese pastor who baptized the Generalissimo and received him into our Methodist Church is a member of this General Conference—Dr. Z. T. Kaung of Shanghai. He preaches regularly to fourteen hundred people every Sunday morning in his own church, which is filled to overflowing.

The message will first be read to you in Chinese by Dr. Kaung. Then I shall read the English version. It is a message from Christians to Christians—from Meth-

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Bishop Ralph
A. Ward
Brings
Greetings
from Generalissimo
and Madame
Chiang Kai-shek

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Motion of R.
L. Embree
to Receive
Message
Standing

odists to Methodists and to the world in these days of tragedy and confusion. (DB-75.)

Revington L. Embree (Liberia) was recognized and stated that since it is customary to receive messages from the heads of States, standing, he would move that we stand to receive this message. (DB-74). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the delegates and visitors arose.

Z. T. Kaung
Reads Mes-
sage in
Chinese

Dr. Z. T. Kaung (China) read the message of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. (DCA-182) in Chinese (see page 247).

Bishop Ward
Reads Mes-
sage in
English

Bishop Ralph A. Ward then read the English version (DB-75) as follows:

To the Council of Bishops and the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

The message of fellowship which The Methodist Church sent to us last year from the Uniting Conference is deeply appreciated.

We are particularly touched that the Bishops of The Methodist Church, representing the millions of our fellow members, should remember China at this crucial hour of our national struggle.

Since receiving your message the crucifixion of China has not only continued, but a large part of Europe has also been plunged into all the horrors of war.

The underlying causes of the hostilities which are bringing bloodshed and devastation to both our country and Europe are similar.

They spring from the same selfishness and avarice of men whose motives in life do not take into consideration, and are not influenced by, the teachings of Christ.

War will continue in the future, even when peace comes within the grasp of the world, unless Christians everywhere live and act in accordance with the principles of righteousness and justice.

Such a life can only be achieved if Christians have the courage to sacrifice material advantages in the pursuit of spiritual values.

The way of the Cross is the only one that can lead to world fellowship and peace.

Those of us who are professed Christians should take

中華民國政府軍事委員會主席
 國民政府主席
 國民政府主席

致監理公會主教團及大會辭

去年當監理公會召開聯合大會之際承監理公會主教團
 賜解恩勉至為感幸貴主教團代表信徒達數百萬之眾當
 今中國民族解放鬥爭緊要關頭垂念艱虞尤使余等有勤於
 中自奉愚辭以來不但中國可遭遇之苦難繼續未已且歐洲之
 大部份今又捲入戰禍此項使中國及歐洲流血及廬舍為墟之
 戰鬥其內在原因彼此原屬相同蓋皆起於不顧耶穌遺教但圖
 自私貪慾故也各處基督教徒之生活行動若不遵奉公正信義

諸原則縱令世界恢復和平將來戰爭仍將繼續發生基督教
 徒之生活端在勇於犧牲物質上之利益而尋求精神上之價
 值十字聖道為促進世界和平敦睦之惟一真理凡為基督教
 徒者均應以虔誠謙和之忱奉行信條庶幾信望愛三德得以
 成為事實

蔣中正

CHINESE TEXT OF GREETING RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FROM CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
 GENERALISSIMO OF CHINA, AND MADAME CHIANG, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1940.
 (Small group of characters at reader's left are signatures of those noted Methodist lay leaders.)

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our creed earnestly and humbly so that faith, hope, and love may become living realities.
Chungking, March 7, 1940.

(Signed)

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Bishop Gowdy
Leads in
Prayer

Bishop Straughn called upon Bishop John Gowdy of China to lead in prayer.

John M.
Arters
Presented

William M. Alexander presented John M. Arters, long time Secretary of the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. The delegates applauded in recognition and appreciation.

Council of
Bishops to
Reply to
Message of
Chiang
Kai-shek

William M. Alexander (Missouri) Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, moved that the message of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek be referred to the Council of Bishops for appropriate reply. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. (DB-76).

Message from
General
Hsiang

Bishop Ralph A. Ward presented a personal message from General Feng Yu Hsiang, as follows: (DCA-441).

"To the Leaders and Members of The Methodist Church:

Though elected to membership in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1924, I was unable to serve because of pressing official duties in China.

To the first General Conference of The Methodist Church, I wish to send hearty greetings through our resident Bishop.

Ours is now a very large Church. But we must be careful not to glory too much over our material, financial, and human strength. Rather must we mobilize the full forces of our Church to save this sorrowing and suffering world.

FENG YU HSIANG.

(Signed and sealed).

Bishop Ward
to Make
Reply

Bishop Ward was requested to make appropriate reply.

Communica-
tion from
Treasurers
Referred

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that a com-

munication from the Treasurers of the Church, on the Secretary's desk (DB-77) be referred, without reading, to the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

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John B. Magee (Upper Iowa), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates was recognized, and separately presented distinguished visitors to Bishop Straughn. Bishop Straughn, in turn presented them to the Conference as follows: Dr. Benjamin Gregory, for twenty-one years Editor of *The Methodist Times*, and since 1938, Co-Editor of *The Methodist Recorder*, the official organ of British Methodism, and himself the fraternal representative of British Methodism. The Conference stood in applause.

Fraternal
Delegates
Introduced

Dr. Gregory

Dr. Robert Steward Spencer, twenty years a missionary in Japan; pastor of the church at Fukuoka; fraternal representative of the Methodist Church of Japan. The Conference stood in applause.

Dr. Spencer

Dr. G. P. Hauser, Treasurer of the Methodist Church in Mexico, and the only Methodist missionary in that country. The Conference stood in applause.

Dr. Hauser

Senor Elias Hernandez, President of the Laymen's Association in Mexico. The Conference stood in applause.

Senor
Hernandez

Motion of Mrs. J. D. Bragg (St. Louis), duly seconded, prevailed that the Report of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education and Co-operation (DCA-86 and 88) be referred, without reading, and that the various items listed be referred to the proper Committees of the General Conference. (DB-78.)

Report of Inter-Board
Committee
on
Missionary
Education
Referred

Motion of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., (Virginia), duly seconded, prevailed that Report No. 2 (DB-79) of the Co-ordinating Committee (Publishing Interests) be printed in the *Daily Christian Ad-*

Report No. 2
Co-ordinat-
ing Com-
mittee
Ordered
Published

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Resolution on
Editing
Discipline
Presented

vocate, and taken up at the proper time as the Calendar is brought before the Conference.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., (Virginia) presented the following Resolutions, (DB-80) and moved their adoption:

Resolved that

1. The Book Editors at the New York and Tennessee offices are charged with the editing the 1940 *Discipline* and are directed to complete the editing after the General Boards have been elected and organized and have elected their administrative officers.

2. The Editors, in the exercise of their judgment, shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

The motion was duly seconded.

D. L. Marsh
Moves
Amendment
Which Is
Accepted

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved to amend by saying "The present Book Editors at New York and Nashville," or simply "The Book Editor or Book Editors." (DB-81) Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., accepted the amendment.

T. M.
McDonald
Speaks

T. Morton McDonald (Indiana) spoke to the motion asking that the *Discipline* be issued as soon as possible.

A. W. Pugh
Moves
Amendment
Which Is
Accepted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend as follows:

"including authority to edit any of the printed matter already printed for the removal of inadvertencies and purely temporary provisions." (DB-82.)

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., accepted this amendment.

A. F. Smith
Speaks to
Question

Alfred F. Smith, one of the present Book Editors, was recognized and spoke to the matter under consideration.

T. S. Brock
Speaks to
Question

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) spoke to the question under discussion.

J. Q. Schisler
Moves to
Amend

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) moved to amend by substituting for the Book Editors "an

Editorial Committee composed of a representative of the Council of Bishops, the Book Editors, the Editor of Church School Publications and the Secretary of the General Conference." (DB-83.) The motion being seconded, John I. Schisler spoke to the same.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the Schisler amendment.

Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest) moved that the amendment lie on the table.

The Chair ruled that an amendment could not be laid on the table.

Williard G. Cram (Kentucky) requested that the Secretary of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension be included on the Editorial Committee.

George C. Douglass (Troy) spoke to the question before the body.

George W. Crabbe (Baltimore) moved the previous question and the motion was duly seconded. The motion being put the previous question was ordered.

The amendment of J. Q. Schisler did not prevail. The motion of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., with the accepted amendments was adopted as follows:

Resolved that

1. The Book Editor or Book Editors at the New York and Nashville offices are charged with editing the 1940 *Discipline* and are directed to complete the editing after the General Boards have been elected and organized and have elected their administrative officers.

2. The Book Editor or Book Editors, in the exercise of their judgment, shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

3. They shall also have authority to edit any of the printed matter already printed for the removal of inadvertencies and purely temporary provisions.

On motion of George C. Douglass (Troy), duly

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E. R. Heckman Against Schisler Amendment

Motion to Lay on Table Ruled Out of Order

W. G. Cram Moves Amendment

G. C. Douglass Speaks to Question

Previous Question Ordered

Schisler Amendment Lost

Amended Motion of N. B. Harmon, Jr., Adopted

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seconded, the following Resolution (DB-84) was adopted:

Board of
Publication
Authorized
to Make
Changes in
Charter of
the Method-
ist Book
Concern of
Ohio

RESOLVED, that the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church be, and it hereby is authorized and directed to make or cause to be made such changes in the Charter of the Methodist Book Concern, an Ohio Corporation, as may be necessary, in order to adapt it to and make compliance with the Plan of Union as adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and with the Constitution of The Methodist Church, and the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, 1940, relating to the Methodist Publishing House comprising the publishing interests of The Methodist Church.

Board of
Publication
Authorized
to Make
Changes in
Charter of
the Method-
ist Book
Concern of
New York

The following Resolution, on motion of George C. Douglas (Troy), duly seconded, was adopted (DB-85):

RESOLVED, that the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church be, and it hereby is authorized and directed to make or cause to be made such changes in the Charter of the Methodist Book Concern, a New York Corporation, as may be necessary, in order to adapt it to and make compliance with the Plan of Union as adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and with the constitution of The Methodist Church, and the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, 1940, relating to The Methodist Publishing House comprising the publishing interests of The Methodist Church.

Report of
Committee
on
Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-86) was presented and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Francis J. McConnell as Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference, April 29.

Resolution on
National
Christian
Preaching
Mission
Referred
to Commit-
tee on State
of the
Church

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*.

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) presented Resolutions relative to the National Chris-

tian Preaching Mission, and, by vote of the Conference, they were referred, without reading, to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church.

W. F. Bryan (Texas) presented the Report of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was received and ordered printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Motion of J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed that consideration of the Reports of the Committee of Nineteen (DCA-62) and the Committee of Nine (DCA-82) be made the Order of the Day for Monday, April 29, immediately following the ballot for the Judicial Council.

On motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-87) was adopted:

Whereas, the Judicial Decisions applicable to the Code of Pension Laws effective in the territory of the Illinois Corporation, see Paragraph 1337, *Discipline* of 1939, and the Judicial Decisions applicable to the pension rules and regulations effective in the territory of the Missouri Corporation, see Paragraph 1341, *Discipline* of 1939, have been rendered at various times over a period of more than twenty years, during which the pension rules and regulations have been undergoing revision by General Conference action, therefore;

Be it resolved, that this General Conference authorize and instruct the Judicial Council to examine the aforementioned Judicial Decisions, after the close of the General Conference of 1940, and if in its judgment any of the said Decisions is deemed no longer applicable to the existing body of pension rules and regulations, including those enacted at this session of the General Conference, it shall inform the Editor of the *Discipline* accordingly and authorize deletion of such inapplicable decisions from the *Discipline* of 1940.

Chester A. Smith (New York) presented the following Resolution (DB-88) and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

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Report of
Three Joint
Budgeting
Agencies
Ordered
Printed

Order of the
Day Set for
Monday

Judicial De-
cisions re
Pension
Laws to Be
Reviewed
by Judicial
Council

Resolution re
Ballot for
Judicial
Council
Election

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Resolved, that the ballot for the use of the General Conference in electing the members of the Judicial Council shall contain the names of all candidates nominated, both by the Bishops and from the floor of the Conference, printed in alphabetical order, the ministers in one list and the laymen in another list and with a notation after each name indicating the Conference of which the nominee is a member.

Resolution
Laid on the
Table

Motion of G. Ellis Williams (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed laying the Resolution on the table. (DB-89.)

Report of
Commission
on
Promotion
and
Publicity
Presented

Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the Report of the Commission on Promotion and Publicity (DCA-34) be adopted. The motion was duly seconded, and Roy L. Smith spoke to the Report.

Motion to
Refer to
Committee
on Member-
ship, Lay
Activities
and
Temporal
Economy

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved the reference of the Report to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. (DB-90.) The motion was duly seconded.

Substitute
Offered

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved as a substitute that the Report be referred to a Joint Committee of representatives of the Committee on Publishing Interests and the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. J. Edgar Skillington accepted this with the consent of the Conference.

Motion to Re-
fer Lost

The motion to refer, being put, did not prevail.

J. M. Potts
for Report

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) spoke in favor of the Report.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question on the adoption of the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. The previous question was ordered. The Report (DB-92) was adopted. For Report see page 715.

Report
Adopted

Report of
Trustees of
Lake Juna-
luska Re-
ferred to
Committee
on Member-
ship, Lay
Activities
and
Temporal
Economy

William A. Lambeth (Western North Carolina) presented the Report of the Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, and moved that it be referred, without reading, to the Committee on

Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Dean Taylor (Iowa-Des Moines) moved that there be placed with the other flags to be set on the platform, the national emblems of all our Methodist General Conference delegates whether present or not. (DB-93.) The motion was duly seconded.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) called for the reading of his motion on flags, passed at the beginning of this session. The Secretary read the motion. Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Dean Taylor (Iowa-Des Moines) and Hrit K. Mondol (Bengal) spoke to the question before the body.

Motion of Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey), duly seconded, prevailed that Dean Taylor's motion be laid on the table.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved that the time be extended to hear the Report of the Committee of Chairmen relative to the time for the final adjournment of the Conference. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail. (DB-95.)

The Secretary read the following cablegram (DB-96) :

General Conference,
Atlantic City, N. J.

May God's blessings rest with you all as you plan to fulfill His way of saving the world.

RYANG MANCHURIA MISSION.

Various announcements were made. The Conference then adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop H. Lester Smith.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 29

The General Conference convened at 8:30 A.M., Monday April 29, 1940 for the session of the fifth day with Bishop Francis J. McConnell in the Chair.

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Motion to
Place the
National
Emblem of
All Dele-
gates on
Platform

D. L. Marsh.
Dean Taylor.
H. K. Mondol
Speak
to the
Question

Motion Laid
on the
Table

Time
Extended

Cablegram
from Ryang
Manchuria
Mission

Benediction
by Bishop
H. Lester
Smith

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Devotions

Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker led the devotions and Bishop Alexander P. Shaw brought the message of the morning, closing with prayer and the Benediction.

Business Session

The Conference was called to order for the business session at 9 A.M., by Bishop McConnell.

Report of Journal Committee Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-97) was adopted as follows:

We have examined the Journal of the business session of Saturday morning, April 27th, and find it correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*.

S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 3 Committee on Credentials Adopted

The Committee on Credentials presented Report No. 3 (DB-98) and it was adopted. For Report see page 684.

Method of Future Adoption Presented and Adopted

Motion of Marion E. Lazenby (North Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed that after this session the Committee on Credentials be allowed to transmit its Report to the Conference Secretary and to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and that the Conference accept these Reports without reading. (DB-99.)

Bishop Hughes Requested to Furnish Manuscript of Sermon

Motion of Evander M. Sweet (California), duly seconded, prevailed requesting Bishop Edwin H. Hughes to furnish the manuscript of his sermon preached in the Auditorium yesterday morning (Sunday) and that it be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. (DB-100.)

G. W. Henson Reports for Committee of Chairmen

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, was recognized on a matter of privilege for the body, and made a statement (DCA-141) relative to the business of the Conference and the time of its final adjournment.

Motion re Appointment of Representative to the Vatican

W. F. Bryan (Texas) made the following motion (DB-101).

I move that the Council of Bishops be requested to nominate a Committee of ten, to be elected by the General Conference, to draft a paper to be presented and acted

upon by the General Conference, setting forth the views of this Conference with respect to the appointment by President Roosevelt of a representative to the Vatican with the rank of an ambassador.

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The motion was duly seconded.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) spoke against the motion.

H. P. Sloan
Against
Motion

Alfred P. Coman (Central New York) spoke in favor of the motion.

A. P. Coman
for Motion

James W. Moore (Virginia) Chairman of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations stated the matter had been referred to that Committee and that they would have a Report on the question to present tomorrow morning.

J. W. Moore
Speaks to
Question

On motion of Fred W. Stacey (New York), duly seconded, the Bryan motion was laid on the table. (DB-102.)

Motion Laid
on Table

William M. Alexander (Missouri) Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges presented Fred B. Newell (New York East) for a privileged matter.

Motion of Fred B. Newell, duly seconded, prevailed directing the Secretary to send the affectionate greetings of the Conference to John W. Langdale, Book Editor, and leader of the New York East Conference, who is detained at home by illness.

Greetings Sent
to J. W.
Langdale

J. Edgar Washabaugh (Newark) presented Resolutions and moved their adoption (DB-104). The motion was duly seconded.

Resolutions re
General
Conference
Expense
Presented

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) suggested that the word "Treasurer" should read "Treasurer, or other officers as may be required." J. Edgar Washabaugh accepted the suggestion, and the Resolutions were adopted as follows:

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend
Amendment
Accepted
Resolutions
Adopted

WHEREAS, the amount of money collected for expenses of the session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church of the year 1940 may not be sufficient to pro-

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Resolutions
Adopted

vide for the payment of the full amount of such expenses.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Treasurer, or other officers as may be required, of the General Commission on World Service and Finance be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from any bank or banks, trust company or trust companies, or other banking institution or institutions, such sum or sums of money as he may deem necessary, in addition to the amount collected as aforesaid, to provide for the payment of the full amount of said expenses; provided, however, that the total sums to be borrowed pursuant to the authority conferred by this Resolution shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

And be it further resolved, that the aforesaid Treasurer, or other officers as may be required, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver such promissory note or notes, or other obligations or evidences of indebtedness, for the sums to be so borrowed, as may be required by the respective banks, trust companies or other banking institutions from which such sums may be borrowed.

Reports Nos.
1 and 3,
Hospitals
and Homes,
Withdrawn

Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Hospitals and Homes, requested permission, with the consent of the Conference, to withdraw Reports Nos. 1 and 3 (DCA-134) of the Committee from the Calendar for further consideration and revision by the Committee (DB-105). The request, duly seconded, was granted by vote of the Conference.

Report No. 2
Commission
on Entertainment
Received
and Ordered
to Record

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment, presented Report No. 2 of the Commission on the change of seats of delegates, as previously ordered by the Conference, and asked permission to simply file the Report for publication, without reading (DB-106). By common consent, permission was granted. For Report see page 703.

Microphone
Requests

Leslie J. Lyons stated that there had come to the Commission a number of requests to remove the microphones in the aisles, and that the Com-

mission desired directions from the Conference on the matter.

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G. S. Mandrelle (Bombay) moved that the microphones be removed, and the motion was duly seconded.

Motion to
Remove

James L. Robb (Holston) spoke against the motion.

J. L. Robb
Opposed

Motion of Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey), duly seconded, prevailed laying the Mandrelle motion on the table (DB-107).

Motion Laid
on Table

James L. Robb (Holston) moved to amend the Rules to allow a delegate to address the Chair from one of the microphones. J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the Rules could only be amended, by a reference to the Committee on Rules, by a vote of the Conference, and the Committee to report the next day. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Motion re
Use of
Microphones

James L. Robb (Holston) then moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rules, with the request that they work out some method for the use of the microphones (DB-108). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Matter Re-
ferred to
Committee
on Rules

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that the matter of the expense of the next General Conference be referred to the General Commission on World Service and Finance with instructions. The Chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that it was not a privileged matter at this time but belonged to some other time in the deliberations of the Conference.

Motion re
General
Conference
Expense
Ruled Out
of Order

Bishop McConnell announced that the Order of the Day, the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions, would be taken up, and requested the Secretary to state the situation as to the amendments, a motion having been made and seconded to adopt the Report. The Secretary stated that J. Wesley Masland (Philadelphia)

Order of the
Day Taken
Up, the
Report of
Committee
on Location
of Boards,
etc.

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had moved to amend portions of columns 1, 2, and 3 of the Report; R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas) moved to consider the Report seriatim, beginning with the bottom recommendations and working to the top. Arlo A. Brown (Newark) moved to amend the Curl motion by beginning with the first recommendation and working down; The Brown amendment, duly seconded, had prevailed. T. Morton McDonald (Indiana) moved to amend the amendment of J. Wesley Masland on the matter set forth in column 2, and the motion was duly seconded. Discussion was had on the questions before the body when T. Morton McDonald, yielded the floor to George W. Henson (Philadelphia) who moved that further consideration of the Report be postponed until Monday following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

G. W. Henson
Speaks to
Pending
Matter

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) was recognized and suggested that if J. Wesley Masland would withdraw his amendment, and T. Morton McDonald would withdraw his amendment to the Masland amendment, both with the understanding that if matters now presented do not come out to their satisfaction, they both have the right to renew both the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment, if the parliamentary situation at that time will permit it, he had a suggestion to make that would simplify the consideration of the matters before the Conference. Both agreed to withdraw the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment, under the conditions as outlined.

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend
Report

George W. Henson then moved the following amendments: In line 28, 2nd column (DCA) after the word "authorize" at the beginning of the line, add the words "and directed," so that the sentence shall read "We also recommend that the Board of Missions and Church Extension be au-

thorized and directed, etc." Then in the 3rd column (DCA-10) line ten, after the words "Church that" at the beginning of the line, add the words "in accordance with the provisions of the preceeding paragraphs," so that the sentence shall read "The Committee recommends to the General Conference of The Methodist Church that in accordance with the provisions of the preceeding paragraphs, etc." (DB-109.)

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Both of the amendments were accepted by Umphrey Lee in behalf of the Committee, and with the consent of the Conference.

Amendments
Accepted

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon (North Carolina) moved the following substitute for the Report (DB-110).

Substitute
Proposed

I. That the entire report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions, except the Section which refers to the location of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, be adopted.

II. That it is the sense of this General Conference that the Board of Missions and Church Extension should be located near the center of the nation and of Methodist population.

III. That the matter of the exact location of the Board of Missions and Church Extension be referred to a Committee composed of two persons from each Jurisdiction, to be named by the Council of Bishops, and that this Committee be instructed to locate the Board of Missions and Church Extension in Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis or Kansas City.

The motion, being duly seconded, Miss McKinnon spoke to the same.

Elmer E. Collins (Montana) moved the previous question on the whole matter. The motion was duly seconded but did not prevail.

Previous
Question
Not Ordered

W. L. Cash (Louisville) moved to amend the McKinnon motion by eliminating the names of the cities mentioned. Miss McKinnon accepted the amendment with the understanding that the

W. L. Cash
Moves to
Amend

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- F. B. Noble
 Moves to
 Amend
- Board be located in a central part of the United States (DB-111).
- Fred B. Noble (Florida) moved to amend the McKinnon motion by striking out all of her amendment after Paragraph 1 (DB-112). The motion was duly seconded.
- W. C. Perkins
 Against
 Amendment
- William C. Perkins (Pittsburgh) spoke in opposition to the amendment.
- Previous
 Question
 Ordered
- Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) moved the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.
- Umphrey Lee
 Speaks to
 Amendments
- Umphrey Lee (North Texas) Chairman of the Committee spoke briefly to all the amendments proposed.
- Noble Amend-
 ment Lost
- The amendment of Fred B. Noble, being put, did not prevail.
- McKinnon
 substitute
 Lost
- The substitute of Miss Sallie L. McKinnon, being put, did not prevail.
- F. E. Lott
 Moves to
 Amend
- Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) presented a Resolution relative to the location of the Board of Education.
- Motion Out of
 Order
- Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) raised the point of order that we were acting on the Report seriatim, and therefore the Resolution of F. E. Lott was not in order at this time. The Chair ruled the point well taken.
- H. P. Sloan
 for Report
- Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) spoke in favor of adopting the Report as a whole.
- Previous
 Question
 Moved
- Leslie R. Burgum (North Dakota) moved the previous question.
- Ruled Out of
 Order
- J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the Conference had ordered consideration seriatim. The Chair ruled the point well taken.
- Action Recon-
 sidered re
 Considera-
 tion
 Seriatim
- W. Marvette Curtis (Alabama) moved that we reconsider the action to take up the Report seriatim. The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed and reconsideration was ordered.

The motion to consider the Report seriatim was presented, and on vote, did not prevail.

The motion to consider the Report as a whole was put and was adopted.

Frank H. Ryder (Troy) moved as a substitute for the motion to adopt the Report as a whole, the following (DB-113).

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Action
Rescinded

Consider Re-
port as a
Whole

F. H. Ryder
Moves
Substitute

That the Report be received with favor as giving the ideal toward the consummation of which the Church should move as rapidly as practicable; and that the present Commission be continued for the purpose of further study of the legal and practical problems involved and the guidance of the Boards and Commissions in the plans and preparations which they must make to put the proposed re-locations and consolidations into effect; bringing, for final action, to the General Conference of 1944 this plan as it now is or may be modified by the Commission in the light of further study and operating experience.

The motion being duly seconded, F. H. Ryder spoke to the same.

The time for recess nearing, motion of George C. Douglas (Troy), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended sufficiently for F. H. Ryder to complete his remarks.

Time
Extended

At the conclusion of the remarks of F. H. Ryder, the Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Recess

At the end of the recess Bishop McConnell called the Conference to order.

Reconvene

Motion of Boyce C. Martin (Central Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that we suspend the Order of the Day set for this hour, the election of members of the Judicial Council, and continue the consideration of the matter before the Conference at the time of recess, complete that, and then take up the election of members of the Judicial Council.

Order of Day
Suspended
to Complete
Pending
Question

Charles V. Adams (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in opposition to the Ryder motion.

C. V. Adams
Against
Ryder
Substitute

W. F. Bryan (Texas) moved the previous question on the Ryder substitute. The motion, duly

Previous
Question
Ordered

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Ryder Substi-
tute LostF. E. Lott
Moves to
Amend
Report

seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The substitute of Frank H. Ryder, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) presented the following amendment (DB-114) and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That for the provision for the location of the Board of Education contained in the Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Wednesday, April 24, 1940, Volume 1, Number 1, on page 10, beginning at line 16 of the third column, which reads as follows:

Board of Education (and all Divisions thereof) Nashville, Tenn.

There shall be substituted the following to wit; Board of Education (and all Divisions thereof) Chicago, Ill.

FRED E. LOTT,

JOSEPH R. PENNELL.

The motion, being duly seconded, F. E. Lott spoke to the same.

T. S. Brock
Against
Lott
Amendment

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) spoke against the Lott Amendment.

H. G. Smith
Asks
Question

Horace G. Smith (Rock River) asked a question for information and clarification, as follows:

Is there any thing in this Report, as written, which would make it impossible, for instance, for a Division of Higher Education Institutions to leave in Chicago the administration of what is known as the Children's Day Fund; the work Dr. Holmes conducts for Negro education; and the work of the Wesley Foundation?

Umphrey Lee
Replies

Umphrey Lee replied that was a matter for the Board itself to decide, not the Committee on the Location of Boards and Commissions.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Frank P. Culver (Central Texas) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on all before the Conference.

The vote was taken on the amendment of Fred R. Lott, and it was not adopted.

Bishop McConnell stated that J. Wesley Masland and T. Morton McDonald had previously withdrawn amendments under certain conditions and asked if they were satisfied to allow the withdrawal to stand. They both replied they were.

The Chair then put the motion for the previous question on the adoption of the Report as a whole, and the previous question was ordered.

Umphrey Lee, Chairman of the Committee, spoke briefly. The Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions was then adopted as a whole. For Report see page 712.

The Order of the Day, the election of the members of the Judicial Council, was then taken up.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that nominations for membership on the Judicial Council be closed (DB-115).

Robert E. L. Morgan (West Oklahoma) rising to a question of high personal privilege, requested that he be granted permission to withdraw his name from the list of Ministerial nominees. By common consent, permission was granted.

The Tellers were called to their places, under the Chairmanship of John J. Bunting (Peninsula).

John J. Bunting (Peninsula) Chairman of the Tellers of Ballots stated that there are two sections of the ballot, one calling for the election of five ministers, and one calling for the election of four laymen, and that in the election held last year at the Uniting Conference for members of the Judicial Council, only that section of a ballot was declared invalid, which was voted incorrectly; and then requested the Presiding Officer to define a valid and an invalid ballot. Bishop McConnell, announced that unless there was objection, the

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Lott Amend-
ment Lost

Withdrawn
Amendments
Approved

Previous
Question
Ordered on
Adoption of
Report

Umphrey Lee
Speaks

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Adopted

Judicial
Council
Election

Nominations
Closed

R. E. L.
Morgan
Withdraws
Name

Request for
Definition
of Valid
and Invalid
Ballot

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Ballot Spread
and
CollectedReport of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

same procedure would be followed in this election. No objection was raised by the Conference.

The ballot was spread and the votes collected. The ballot was declared closed and the Tellers retired to count the same.

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-116) was presented and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Charles L. Mead as Presiding Officer for tonight's session of the General Conference, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore as Presiding Officer for the morning session on April 30, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Official Session
Ordered for
Tonight

Motion of Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet tonight in official session at 8 P.M. for the purpose of hearing the Fraternal Delegates.

Trustees for
Drew
University

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) presented the following relative to the election of Trustees for Drew University (DB-117).

The Charter of Drew University provides that Trustees of the institution shall be elected by the General Conference, the Board itself having power to fill vacancies ad interim. Hence I present the following nominations:

Class of 1952

Bishop William F. Anderson, LL.D.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, LL.D.

Bishop Herbert Welch, LL.D.

Rev. Frank Kingdon, D.D.

Rev. Henry L. Lambdin, Ph.D.

Rev. Phillip S. Watters, D.D.

Donald R. Baldwin

Louis DeV. Day

Charles R. Gay

James R. Joy

Ellis L. Phillips

W. Spencer Robertson

To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1948

Rev. Claude C. Coile, D.D.

Rev. W. Earl Ledden, D.D.
Rev. Frederick B. Newell, D.D.
Ernest R. Early
Albert B. Meredith
Robert C. Morris

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Drew
University

To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1944

Rev. John W. Langdale, D.D.
Rev. Chester C. Marshall, D.D.
Rev. John M. Pearson, D.D.
Rev. Harold Paul Sloan, D.D.
William McRossie
Oscar H. Merz

Motion of Arlo A. Brown (Newark), duly seconded, prevailed instructing the Secretary of the General Conference to cast the ballot of the General Conference for the persons named, as Trustees of Drew University. Thereupon the Secretary of the General Conference Lud H. Estes (Memphis) cast the vote of the General Conference for the following as Trustees of Drew University:

Vote of Conference Cast
for Trustees

Class of 1952

Bishop William F. Anderson, LL.D.
Bishop Francis J. McConnell, LL.D.
Bishop Herbert Welch, LL.D.
Rev. Frank Kingdon, D.D.
Rev. Henry L. Lambdin, Ph.D.
Rev. Phillip S. Watters, D.D.
Donald R. Baldwin
Louis DeV. Day
Charles R. Gay
James R. Joy
Ellis L. Phillips
W. Spencer Robertson

To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1948

Rev. Claude C. Coile, D.D.
Rev. W. Earl Ledden, D. D.
Rev. Frederick B. Newell, D.D.
Ernest R. Early
Albert B. Meredith
Robert C. Morris

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ference Cast
for Trustees*To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1944*

Rev. John W. Langdale, D.D.

Rev. Chester C. Marshall, D.D.

Rev. John M. Pearson, D.D.

Rev. Harold Paul Sloan, D.D.

William MacRossie

Oscar H. Merz

Trustees
Declared
ElectedOrder of the
Day Con-
sideration
of Report of
Committee
of Nineteen
and of the
Committee
of Nine

They were declared duly elected by Bishop Mc-Connell, the Presiding Officer.

The Chair announced the next order of business to be the consideration of the Report of the Committee of Nineteen (DCA-62) and the Report of the Committee of Nine (DCA-82).

Jesse L. Corley (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen, was recognized and requested that W. F. Bryan (Texas), Chairman of the Committee of Nine, make a statement at this time. W. F. Bryan requested that James A. James (Rock River), Secretary of the Committee of Nine be allowed on the platform during the discussion to assist in the presentation of the Report. By common consent this request was granted, as James A. James is not a member of the General Conference. W. F. Bryan stated that Jesse L. Corley would pilot the Report through.

J. E. Ford
Presents
Editorial
Changes

Jesse L. Corley requested that J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina), Secretary of the Committee of Nineteen, be permitted to make some editorial changes at this time in the Report (DCA-62). By common consent this was granted and the following changes were announced by J. Emerson Ford: 1st. In Paragraph 1096, second column, page 62, change "C.M.E. Church" to read "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church" (DB-118).

2nd. In the second column, page 62, under (d) "Procedure" change the word "former" at the end of the fourth line in (1) to read "uniting" (DB-118).

3rd. In the second column, (DCA-62) insert

as (e) just above 2. "World Service Sunday," the following:

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(e) We recommend that the General Conference provide that the three special days herein recommended, namely, Methodist Student Day, Church School Rally Day and Race Relations Sunday, shall be the only special days without benevolence credit authorized by the General Conference for offerings in the church schools.

J. E. Ford
Presents
Editorial
Changes

4th. Substitute in column three (DCA-62) the following Paragraph for 3. "Missionary Education of Children and Young People" (DB-119).

3. Missionary Education in Children's and Youth Groups. In view of the varied and involved problems in the missionary giving of children's and youth groups in the practices of the three uniting churches, and in view of the wisdom of unifying education and giving, we recommend reference for continued study of this whole matter to the new Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, which is being constituted from among the groups involved in these matters and for such purposes, and to which it shall be referred with power to develop plans. In the meantime we recommend the channeling of offerings in such groups as heretofore.

Jesse L. Corley (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen, presented the Report, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to
Adopt
Report
Committee
of Nineteen

Matthew S. Davage (Louisiana) moved to amend the Report as follows:

M. S. Davage
Moves to
Amend

1st. Delete that part of the second sentence in Paragraph 1096, second column (DCA-62) following the word "day" as the end of the tenth line, and inserting the following:

And shall use them for the promotion of educational institutions for Negroes related to The Methodist Church and for the religious education of Negro children, youth and adults as the Board may direct.

2nd. Strike out the Paragraph number (1096), and insert the amended Paragraph 1118 in the

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M. S. Davage
Moves to
Amend

1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, so as to bring the Paragraph under the caption "EDUCATION FOR NEGROES," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1119. As a means of educating the Church in regard to better race relations and the needs of Negro schools, Race Relations Sunday (second Sunday in February) shall be observed in all the congregations as the date when the interest of Christian education for Negro youth shall be presented. The Board of Education shall receive all monies derived from the observance of this day, and shall use them for the promotion of educational institutions for Negroes related to The Methodist Church and for the religious education of Negro children, youth and adults as the Board may direct. The total amount raised shall be sent to a Treasurer of these funds to be designated by the Board of Education. The funds received on this day shall be given recognition in an additional column in the pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the Board's share of general benevolences.

The motion was duly seconded.

J. L. Corley
Agrees to
Accept

Jesse L. Corley (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen, stated that he would be very glad to accept the amendment.

W. F. Bryan
Not in
Favor of
Accepting

W. F. Bryan (Texas), Chairman of the Committee of Nine, stated that he was not in favor of accepting the Davage amendment, and spoke to the motion to amend.

Matthew S. Davage (Louisiana), spoke to his motion to amend.

J. Q. Schisler
for Report

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas), spoke in favor of the Report.

W. J. King
Moves to
Amend
Davage
Amendment

Willis J. King (Texas), moved to amend the Davage amendment, by adding to the second sentence of Paragraph 1096, Column 2 (DCA-62) as amended by Matthew S. Davage, the following words:

Provided that congregations of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, may designate any part of the

monies received by them for this cause on this date to the work of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

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The motion, being duly seconded, W. J. King spoke to the same.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey), spoke in favor of the King amendment.

H. P. Sloan
for King
Amendment

Phillips B. Smith (North Indiana), also spoke to the matter pending.

P. B. Smith
Speaks to
Question

William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh), moved that this Report when adopted, shall be adopted without the Paragraph under discussion, Paragraph 1096, and that this Paragraph be referred for re-wording and later adoption (DB-121). The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to
Adopt Re-
port Without
Paragraph
Under
Discussion

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke to the question before the Conference.

L. C. Wright
Speaks to
Question

Stanley E. Grannum (West Texas) spoke in opposition to the King amendment and in favor of the Davage amendment.

S. E. Grannum
for Davage
Amendment

John W. Perry (Holston) spoke in favor of the Report as presented.

J. W. Perry
for Report

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) spoke in favor of referring the whole Report rather than one Section of it.

D. L. Marsh
for Refer-
ring the
Report

J. Beverly F. Shaw (Mississippi) spoke in favor of the Davage amendment.

J. B. F. Shaw
for Davage
Amendment

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) spoke for the adoption of the Report.

J. M. Potts
for Report

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved that the Reports with all amendments be referred to the Standing Committee on Education (DB-122). The motion was duly seconded, and Lynn Harold Hough spoke to the same.

Motion to
Refer
Report to
Committee
on Educa-
tion

Bishop McConnell ruled that the motion of Lynn Harold Hough was in order, and that the motion of William K. Anderson, because of the form in which it was put, was out of order.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved

Previous
Question
Moved

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ExtendedW. F. Bryan
Against
ReferencePrevious
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ReferredReport of
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Committee
on China
Relief
Referred to
Committee
on State of
the ChurchReport of
Joint
Committee
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Education
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Committee
on Educa-
tionMotion to
AdjournBenediction
by Bishop
W. F.
Anderson

the previous question on the motion of Lynn Har-
old Hough. The motion was duly seconded.

The hour of adjournment nearing, motion of
Fred D. Stone (Rock River) duly seconded, pre-
vailed extending the time of this session, to com-
plete this matter (DB-123).

W. F. Bryan (Texas), Chairman of the Commit-
tee of Nine, spoke in opposition to referring the
Report to the Standing Committee on Education.

The motion for the previous question, being put,
prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The motion to refer, being put, prevailed.

Bishop Herbert Welch was recognized and pre-
sented the Report of the Methodist Committee
for China Relief (DCA-135). Motion of William
K. Anderson (Pittsburgh), duly seconded, pre-
vailed that the Report be referred to the Commit-
tee on the State of the Church.

Motion of Arlo A. Brown (Newark), duly se-
conded, prevailed that the Report of the Joint
Committee on Education (DCA-106) be referred
to the Committee on Education.

Motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly
seconded, prevailed that after the announcements
we adjourn.

Various announcements were made and the Con-
ference adjourned with Benediction pronounced
by Bishop William F. Anderson.

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EVENING SESSION, MONDAY, APRIL 29

Pursuant to adjournment the General Confer-
ence convened at 8 P.M., Monday, April 29, 1940,
with Bishop Charles L. Mead in the Chair for the
purpose of welcoming and hearing the Fraternal
Delegates.

Bishop Mead announced and the Conference

joined in singing Hymn 227 "Come Ye That Love the Lord."

Bishop Herbert Welch then led in prayer, after which the Conference joined in singing Hymn 416, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Bishop Mead announced that this evening's session is set apart for the purpose of hearing Fraternal Messengers from across the sea and in other places. Bishop Mead then presented John B. Magee (Upper Iowa), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, and announced that he would present the Fraternal Delegates.

Dr. Magee presented The Reverend Benjamin Gregory, D.Lit., LL.D., Fraternal Delegate from the British Methodist Church to Bishop Mead.

The credentials of Dr. Gregory (DB-124) were read by the Secretary as follows:

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1. CENTRAL BUILDINGS, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

Rev. Richard Pyke,
President of the Conference
66 Talbot Street, Southport, Lancs.

Rev. Edwin Finch
Secretary of The Conference
April, 1940.

TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1940.

Dear Brethren,

The Rev. Benjamin Gregory, D.Lit., LL.D., is visiting America at the time of the holding of the first United Conference of your Church and I am happy to take the opportunity of requesting him to be the bearer of the heartiest fraternal greetings and sincere good wishes of the British Conference.

Dr. Gregory bears an honoured name in Methodism being himself of the fifth generation of Methodist preachers. He has had a long and successful Ministry in our ranks having held appointments of outstanding importance in city Missions and Circuits. As Editor of *The Methodist Times* for many years he is no stranger to American Methodism and it is with great pleasure that

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Prayer by
Bishop
Welch

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Dr. Gregory
Presented

Credentials
Read

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Credentials

Read

I commend him to you as a representative of British Methodism.

I give you the hearty assurance of our earnest prayers that your deliberations may be so guided by the Divine Spirit as to lead you to such conclusions as will enable The Methodist Church of America to wield a yet mightier power for good throughout your great country.

With kindest thoughts,

Yours fraternally,

RICHARD PYKE, *President*.

Dr. Gregory
Addresses
Conference

Bishop Mead then presented Dr. Gregory. Dr. Gregory addressed the Conference. At the close of the address the Conference rose and applauded. For Address see page 721.

Bishop
Dacorso
Presented

John B. Magee next presented Bishop Cesar Dacorso, Jr., Fraternal Delegate from The Methodist Church of Brazil, to Bishop Mead.

Credentials

The credentials (DB-125) of Bishop Dacorso, Jr., were read by the Secretary, as follows:

Bishop Cesar Dacorso, Jr., is the Bishop of The Methodist Church of Brazil; he was duly elected as a Fraternal Delegate from that Church to the General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Atlantic City, April, 1940.

ARTHUR J. MOORE,

Chairman, Board of Missions,

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Bishop
Dacorso
Addresses
Conference

Bishop Mead presented Bishop Dacorso, Jr., to the Conference. Bishop Dacorso addressed the Conference. At the close of the address the Conference rose and applauded. For Address see page 727.

J. R. Hough-
ton Sings

Dr. James R. Houghton, the Conference Precentor, brought a message in song, "The Ninety and Nine."

Bishop Guerra
Presented

Dr. Magee then presented Bishop Eleazar Guerra, General Superintendent of The Methodist Church of Mexico, to Bishop Mead.

The credentials of Bishop Guerra (DB-126) were read by the Secretary as follows:

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IGLESIA METODISTA DE MEXICO

Oficina Central: Balderas Numero 47

MEXICO, D. F.

Credentials

April 15, 1940.

CREDENTIALIAL

This is to certify that the Rev. Eleazar Guerra, General Superintendent of The Methodist Church of Mexico, was duly elected, by the Council of Co-operation of The Methodist Church of Mexico at its meeting in Pachuca, Hidalgo, January 23, 1940, as Fraternal Delegate to the First General Conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 24, 1940; also, the Rev. J. P. Hauser, a Missionary, and Mr. Elias Hernandez, a layman, were elected as Associate Delegates.

Sixto Avila, Vice President.

Juan Diaz, Secretary.

Bishop Mead presented Bishop Guerra to the Conference. Bishop Guerra addressed the Conference. At the close of the address the Conference rose and applauded. For Address see page 728.

Bishop Guerra
Addresses
Conference

John B. Magee presented Bishop James W. Brown of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to Bishop Mead. The credentials of Bishop Brown (DB-127) were read by the Secretary as follows:

Bishop J. W.
Brown
Presented

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Credentials

Washington, D. C., April 10, 1940

BISHOPS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE,

The Methodist Church,
Atlantic City, N. J.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the Board of Bishops of the AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH in session assembled in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, United States of America, did on January 10, 1940, elect Bishop J. W. Brown, one of the Bishops of the said AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, Fraternal Delegate to the GENERAL CONFERENCE of The Methodist Church.

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Monday

Evening

Session

Credentials

He is a Brother beloved, and with prayer we commend him to your favorable consideration.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Bishops,

A. M. E. Zion Church,

L. W. KYLES, *Senior Bishop.*

S. M. Dudley, General Secretary.

Bishop Brown
Addresses
Conference

Bishop Mead then presented Bishop Brown. Bishop Brown addressed the Conference. At the close of the address the Conference stood and applauded. For Address see page 729.

Dr. Spencer
Presented

John B. Magee presented Reverend Robert S. Spencer, D.D., Fraternal Delegate from The Methodist Church of Japan to Bishop Mead. The credentials (DB-128) of Dr. Spencer were read as follows:

JAPAN METHODIST CHURCH

23 Midori-Oka-Cho, Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo

Credentials

March 25, 1940

To the Secretary of the General Conference
of The Methodist Church:

In the name of Christ, Greetings! On the auspicious occasion of the meeting of the First General Conference of The Methodist Church following the historic union, I find great joy in sending to you a representative of our Church to bear to you our greetings and to tell you of the progress of this, the child of the United Church, in the Empire of Japan.

The fraternal delegate who bears to you these credentials is by race a member of your own nation, but we claim him because of his birth in our land, in the home of Methodist Missionaries, and for twenty-three years of missionary service with us. During this time, for more than a decade he has served as a District Superintendent in the Japan Methodist Church, and during the past two years has been the actual pastor of one of our larger churches. We feel certain that he will represent to you the true sentiments of our hearts and give you a careful report of the progress of the Japan Methodist Church.

We therefore commend to you the Reverend Robert S. Spencer, D.D., as the bearer of the Fraternal Message from the Methodists of Japan to your General Conference.

Yours in the Name of Christ,

YOSHIMUNE ABE,

Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church.

Bishop Mead then requested Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who had labored in Japan with Dr. Spencer, to present him to the Conference. Bishop Moore presented Dr. Spencer to the Conference. Dr. Spencer addressed the Conference. At the close of the address the Conference stood and applauded. For Address see page 739.

Bishop Mead, in well chosen words, appropriately replied, in behalf of the General Conference, to the distinguished visitors who had brought fraternal greetings.

Motion of Louis J. Kaub (Nebraska), duly seconded, prevailed that we adjourn.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by John B. Magee.

APRIL 29
FIFTH DAY
Monday Evening Session
Bishop Arthur J. Moore Presents Dr. Spencer
Dr. Spencer Addresses Conference
Bishop Mead Replies to Fraternal Delegates
Motion to Adjourn
Benediction by John B. Magee

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 30

The General Conference convened at 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, April 30, 1940, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore in the Chair.

The morning worship service was conducted by Bishop Jashwant R. Chitambar, following which the devotional message was brought by Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, who closed the worship service with prayer.

Bishop Moore called the Conference to order for the business session at 9 A.M.

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-129) was presented and adopted as follows:

We have examined the Journal of the business session of Monday morning, April 28, and the Fraternal session of Monday evening, April 28 and find both correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*,
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

The Committee on Credentials presented Report No. 4 (DB-130) and it was adopted. For Report see page 685.

APRIL 30
SIXTH DAY
Tuesday
Worship Service
Business Session
Report Journal Committee Adopted
Report No. 4 Committee on Credentials Adopted
H. H. Crane

Bishop Moore recognized Henry Hitt Crane

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SIXTH DAY

Tuesday

H. H. Crane

(Detroit) on a matter of privilege, and made the following statement:

The Chair is not certain that the statement Dr. Crane desires to make is a matter of privilege that should be brought directly to this Conference without reference to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, but not desiring to stifle discussion or in any way prevent free speech, the Chair recognizes Dr. Crane and believes the body will be happy to hear his statement.

Dr. Crane began to read a paper to the Conference, but did not state what the matter of privilege was.

Point of Order
N. Newby

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) raised a point of order that the question of privilege should be stated prior to the continued reading of the paper. Dr. Crane continued reading.

A. A. Callaghan
Raises
Point of
Order

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) was recognized and raised the point of order that Dr. Crane should state his question of privilege, and then the Conference could decide whether, or not, the matter was of a privilege nature.

Motion to
Refer
Matter to
Committee
on
Courtesies

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the matter of privilege that Dr. Crane had not yet presented, be referred to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, for consideration and a report (DB-131). The motion was duly seconded.

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to amend by referring the matter to the Sifting Committee (DB-132). Nathan Newby, with the consent of his second, accepted the amendment.

J. E. Skillington
Raises
Point of
Order

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) called attention to Rule 9, page 159 of the Handbook for Delegates, and also to the "Note" on page 153 of the Handbook, and raised the point of order that the matter should be presented to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges (DB-133).

Ruling of
Bishop
Moore

Bishop Moore then made the following ruling:

The Chair must take this opportunity to say that

the matter has taken a turn which he anticipated, and I now rule that the matter is not before the house because it does not qualify under the Note in the Rules stating that a matter must be so urgent that it cannot wait for consideration by the proper Committee.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved that this General Conference extend the courtesies of the floor to Dr. Henry H. Crane (DB-134). The motion was duly seconded.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) raised the point of order that it is not in order for a delegate to move that another delegate be accorded the courtesy of the floor. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Henry H. Crane (Detroit) moved that he be permitted to present the matter to the Sifting Committee, and if they do not think it is deserving of a statement before the Conference, that it be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (DB-135). The motion was duly seconded.

Willsie Martin (Southern California-Arizona) moved that the last part of Henry H. Crane's motion be stricken out (DB-136). The motion was duly seconded.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the point of order that the motion in its present form could not properly be before the Conference unless the Conference suspended the Plan of Organization as it related to the Sifting Committee, Rule 10, page 154 Handbook for Delegates (DB-137).

The Chair ruled the point well taken, and stated that the motion to refer to the Sifting Committee is in order, but without instruction.

Henry H. Crane then moved that the matter be referred to the Sifting Committee (DB-138). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed that a special Resolution from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, relative to the Agenda of the Quarterly

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Tuesday

Motion to
Extend
Privileges
of Floor to
H. H. Crane

Point of Order
of F. D.
Stone
Sustained

H. H. Crane
Moves to
Refer to
Sifting
Committee

Willsie Martin
Moves to
Amend

Point of Order
of A. W.
Pugh
Sustained

Referred to
Sifting
Committee

Resolution
from
General
Commission
on World
Service
Referred to
Committee
on
Conferences

APRIL 30

SIXTH DAY

Tuesday

Report No. 2
Committee
on Rules
Adopted

Order of the
Day for
Tomorrow

Report of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

Conference, be referred, without reading, to the Standing Committee on Conferences (DB-139).

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Rules was presented and adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote, as it amended Rule 6 (DB-140). For Report see page 696.

Motion of Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed that consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests be made the Order of the Day for tomorrow immediately after the Reports of the Committee on Journal and the Committee on Privileges and Courtesies (DB-141).

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers was adopted as follows (DB-142):

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Adna W. Leonard as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference on Wednesday, May 1.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Report No. 2
of Three
Joint
Budgeting
Agencies
Ordered
Printed

A. A. Brown
Yields Floor
to G. W.
Henson

G. W. Henson
on Final
Adjourn-
ment

W. C. Perkins
Opposed

B. W. Meeks
for

Motion of W. F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that Report No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies be received and published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (DB-143).

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) was recognized, but yielded the floor to George W. Henson (Philadelphia).

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) speaking for the Committee of Chairmen, moved that the time of the final adjournment of the General Conference be fixed for Monday night, May 6 (DB-144). The motion was duly seconded.

William C. Perkins (Pittsburgh) spoke in opposition to the motion.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) spoke in favor of the motion.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) requested

the privilege of changing the motion to read "Not later than Monday night, May 6" (DB-145). By common consent the request was granted by the Conference.

Motion of Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest), duly seconded, prevailed calling for the previous question (DB-146). The motion being put, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered. George W. Henson closed the debate.

The motion to fix the time of the final adjournment of the General Conference not later than Monday night May 6, 1940 was adopted.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the Committee on Rules be asked to make a change in the Daily Schedule placing the Calendar next to the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges (DB-147) as this would expedite the business of the Conference.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the matter could only be referred to the Committee on Rules to consider and report on tomorrow. Edgar R. Heckman thereupon withdrew his motion, and the following action to expedite the business of the Conference was taken.

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed by more than a two-thirds vote that we suspend the Rules and make the proposed change at this time (DB-148).

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that Rule 2, page 158 Handbook for Delegates, "I. Daily Schedule" be changed by transposing Items 3 and 4, thus placing the "Calendar" next to the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges (DB-149).

The Secretary was recognized for a privileged

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SIXTH DAY

Tuesday

Motion
Amended
by Common
Consent

Previous
Question
Ordered

Motion
Adopted

Motion to
Amend
Rules

Point of Order
Raised

Rules Sus-
pended to
Make
Change

Change Made

Bishop Collins
Denny

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SIXTH DAY
Tuesday

matter and read the following statement (DB-150) :

The Secretary takes this moment to announce the receipt of a letter of April 22, 1940 to the General Conference from Bishop Collins Denny, in which he calls attention to the letters written by him to the Editors of the *Discipline* of 1939 and of the *Journal* of the Uniting Conference, announcing to them that they must not publish him as a Bishop of The Methodist Church. The General Conference is hereby asked to give the Secretary instructions regarding this request as it relates to future publications.

LUD H. ESTES, *Secretary General Conference,*
The Methodist Church.

Resolution re
Bishop
Denny's
Request

The following Resolution presented by Thomas D. Ellis (South Georgia), being duly seconded (DB-151), was adopted :

WHEREAS, Bishop Collins Denny has requested that his name be not published among those of the Bishops of this Church, and

WHEREAS, he has made this request in full knowledge of the affirmation contained in the Plan of Union, which was declared by the Judicial Council and the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to have been constitutionally adopted, that 'The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church shall be united in one Church, and

WHEREAS, he has made this request in full knowledge of the Declaration of the Plan of Union, that "The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the time Union is consummated, shall be Bishops of The Methodist Church," and

WHEREAS, Bishop Collins Denny has made this request of the fact that the Uniting Conference composed of authorized representatives of the three uniting churches did authoritatively affirm that, "The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three uniting Churches, in and through which the three Churches as one Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and the *Discipline* of the united Church," and

WHEREAS, Bishop Collins Denny has made this request that his name be not published among the Bishops of this Church in the light and full knowledge of these declarations of fact and principles, and

WHEREAS, the publication of the name of a Bishop or the lack of publication does not affect his standing in The Methodist Church, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that his request be respected.

T. D. Ellis, Gilbert T. Rowe, John Q. Schisler, W. W. Holmes, Frank C. Tucker, Charles M. Meeks, H. T. Freeman.

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Tuesday

Resolution re
Bishop
Denny's
Request

The result of the first ballot for members of the Judicial Council was announced by Bishop Moore as follows (DB-153) :

Judicial
Council
Elected

Ballots cast 726; defective 9; total valid ballots 717; necessary to election 359. Ministers: Francis R. Bayley, 639 votes, and he is elected; Walter C. Buckner, 520 votes, and he is elected; J. Stewart French, 488 votes, and he is elected; George R. Brown, 482 votes, and he is elected; W. G. Henry, 420 votes, and he is elected. Laymen: M. A. Childers, 504 votes, and he is elected; V. P. Clarke, 498 votes, and he is elected; M. E. Lawson, 470 votes, and he is elected; H. R. Van Deusen, 410 votes and he is elected. (DB-153) thus completing the election of the membership of the Judicial Council, except the Reserve Members.

Bishop Moore stated that the ballot for the Reserve Members of the Judicial Council would now be taken, five ministers and four laymen to be elected.

John J. Bunting (Peninsula) Chairman of the Tellers of Ballots, read the result of the votes cast for the other nominees as follows: Ministers (DB-154) A. J. Allen, 143; Charles B. Ketcham, 120; Sanford W. Corcoran, 95; A. C. Millar, 95; S. W. Rosenberger, 93; Mark Kelley, 75; Leslie R. Burghum, 74; Ernest S. Lyons, 74; B. R. Turnipseed, 67; W. L. Duren, 55; G. I. Humphreys, 50; Rich-

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Tuesday

Judicial
Council
Elected

ard Spann, 50; J. B. Craven, 39; R. E. L. Morgan, 22.

Laymen (DB-155): Nathan Newby, 153; J. I. Dolliver, 96; W. F. McMurry, 73; Benjamin A. Matthews, 66; R. L. Flowers, 61; F. B. Noble, 57; Jacob Cantlin, 55; W. H. Spurgeon, 54; J. B. Randolph, 51; W. F. Davis, 44; John H. Carlock, 38; Samuel Bratton, 37; Frank M. Phelps, 35; M. S. Gibbs, 34; Sidney R. Redmond, 33; Ebenezer A. Shah, 31; F. C. Huebner, 29; G. H. Lamar, 22; O. A. Park, 20; H. O. Davidson, 10.

Ballot for
Reserve
Members of
Judicial
Council

The ballot for Reserve Members of the Judicial Council was spread, the votes collected, the ballot declared closed, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Rules
Suspended

Motion of Arlo A. Brown (Newark), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote to suspend the Rules in order that Report No. 8 Committee on Education, Calendar No. 30 (DCA-162 and 163) might be taken up.

Arlo A. Brown requested permission for Jesse L. Corley (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen, and W. F. Byran (Texas) Chairman of the Committee of Nine, and J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina) Secretary of the Committee of Nineteen, to come to the platform. By common consent permission was granted.

Report No. 8
Committee
on
Education
Presented

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) Chairman of the Committee on Education, then presented Report No. 8 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 30 (DCA-162 and 163). Title: "Special Days and Offerings," and requested J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina) Secretary of the Committee of Nineteen, to indicate the editorial and other changes which were made.

Editorial
Changes

J. Emerson Ford indicated the following editorial changes (DB-157) in the printed Report (DCA-162) 1st. Second column, Paragraph 1119,

the words in lines 16, 17, 18 and 19 should be in parentheses as follows: (due recognition being given the historic responsibility of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for aid to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.) 2nd. In column 3, after the sixth line in (5) insert the words "distribution of literature and that pro," this line having inadvertently been omitted.

J. Emerson Ford then called attention (DCA-189, columns 2 and 3) to the changes made by the Committee on Education in the Report of the Committee of Nineteen and the Report of the Committee of Nine, referred to the Committee on Education yesterday.

W. F. Bryan (Texas) spoke in favor of the Report. Arlo A. Brown stated that the Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen was on the platform and approved the Report. Arlo A. Brown then moved the adoption of the Report as a whole, and the motion was duly seconded.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the Report and moved the following amendment (DB-158) "That the provision for remitting these several funds be so changed as to allow the routing of the same through the Treasurers of the several Annual Conferences if desired." The amendment was accepted for the Committee by Arlo A. Brown, and no objection was raised by the Conference.

The time of recess nearing, by common consent, further consideration of the Report before the Conference was postponed, with the understanding that it would be the first item considered when the Calendar is resumed.

Motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River) seconded by J. Manning Potts (Virginia) prevailed that the Secretary communicate to Bishop Collins Denny our appreciation of his long and distinguished service to the Church, begun in the heart-

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Tuesday

W. F. Bryan
Speaks for
Report

Motion to
Adopt
Report

J. E. Skillington
Moves
to Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Further Con-
sideration
Postponed

Message to
Bishop
Denny

APRIL 30

SIXTH DAY

Tuesday

Recess

Reconvene

warming of John Wesley, and that we assure him of our love. (DB-159.)

The Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore called the Conference to order, and announced Hymn No. 147, "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know."

The Conference and visitors stood, and joined in singing the Hymn led by Dr. James R. Houghton, the Conference Precentor.

Service of Ap-
preciation
and
Retirement

Bishop Moore spoke appropriately of the "Service of Appreciation and Retirement" now to be observed by the General Conference.

Bishop
Nuelsen
Tributes of
J. A. Diekmann and
F. Sigg

Bishop Moore called the name of Bishop John Louis Nuelsen. John A. Diekmann (Ohio) and Ferdinand Sigg (Switzerland) spoke words of appreciation in honor of Bishop Nuelsen. (DB-160 and 161.) For remarks see pages 747, 749.

Bishop E. H.
Hughes
Tributes of
H. W.
Burgan and
H. G. Smith

Bishop Moore called the name of Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes. Harry W. Burgan (Baltimore) and Horace G. Smith (Rock River) spoke words of appreciation in honor of Bishop Hughes. (DB-162 and 163.) For remarks see pages 751, 755.

Bishop Edgar
Blake
Tributes of
O. W. Fifer
and H. H.
Crane

Bishop Moore called the name of Bishop Edgar Blake. Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) and Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) spoke words of appreciation in honor of Bishop Blake. (DB-164 and 165.) For remarks see pages 758, 760.

J. R. Hough-
ton Sings

James R. Houghton sang "The Holy City."

Bishop C. L.
Mead
Tributes of
L. M.
Edwards
and E. J.
Kulp

Bishop Moore called the name of Bishop Charles Larew Mead. Loren M. Edwards (Colorado) and Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) spoke words of appreciation in honor of Bishop Mead. (DB-166 and 167.) For remarks see pages 764, 766.

Time
Extended

The hour of adjournment nearing, motion of Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended. (DB-168.)

Bishop John
Gowdy
Tributes of
Ruby Sia
and E. P.
Hayes

Bishop Moore called the name of Bishop John Gowdy. Dr. Ruby Sia (Foochow) and E. Pearce

Hayes (Foochow) spoke words of appreciation in honor of Bishop Gowdy. (DB-169 and 170.) For remarks see pages 770, 774.

Bishop Moore closed the "Service of Appreciation and Retirement with the following words:

"Dear Fathers and Brethren, your colleagues who are members in this Conference expect me, and it is a very happy privilege, to assure you again of their abiding affection, their gratitude to God for the privilege of having you as friends and leaders, and to pledge to you that across all the coming years their prayers will ascend to the Heavenly Father, that He will preserve you in health, continue you in the service of the Church, and give you always His greatest gift, the gift of His peace. May God bless you."

The Program For The Remaining Days of the General Conference (DB-171) was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted as follows:

APRIL 30
SIXTH DAY
Tuesday

Closing of
Service

Program for
Conference

PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Each week-day; morning sessions as usual

Tuesday— 2:30 Committee Meetings
8:00 Home Missions Program

Wednesday—2:00 Homes and Hospitals Program
2:30 Committees
8:00 Education Program

Thursday— 2:30 Conference Session
8:00 Worship Pageant

Friday— 2:30 Conference Session
8:00 Foreign Missions Program

Saturday— 2:30 Conference Session
8:00 Concert Local Committee

Sunday A.M. Services of Worship
2:30 P.M. Service of Worship, General
Evangeline Booth Speaker
8:00 Worship Services

Monday— 2:30 Conference Session
7:30 If necessary Conference session.
(Memorial Service in connection with one
of the Worship Services.

APRIL 30
SIXTH DAY
Tuesday

Program for
Conference

Reserve
Members of
Judicial
Council
Elected

Morning Watch and Hour of Evangelism the
same.)

GEORGE W. HENSON,
Chairman, Committee of Chairmen.

Bishop Moore announced the result of the ballot for Reserve Members of the Judicial Council as follows (DB-172): Ministerial Reserve Members; total vote cast, 704; defective, 65; ballots counted, 639; necessary to election, 320; A. C. Millar, 476 votes, and he is elected; Sanford W. Corcoran, 456 votes, and he is elected; A. J. Allen, 440 votes, and he is elected; B. Rhetta Turnipseed, 439 votes, and he is elected; Ernest S. Lyons, 392 votes, and he is elected, thus completing the Ministerial Reserve membership.

Lay Reserve Members: (DB-173): Total votes cast, 704; defective, 63; ballots counted, 641; necessary to election 321. J. I. Dolliver, 481 votes, and he is elected; Nathan Newby, 444 votes, and he is elected; R. L. Flowers, 431 votes, and he is elected; Benjamin A. Matthews, 389 votes, and he is elected, thus completing the Lay Reserve membership.

Secretary Estes announced that in accordance with Paragraph 601 of the 1939 *Discipline*, Francis R. Bayley, Walter C. Buckner, J. Stewart French, M. A. Childers and V. P. Clarke had been elected to serve for the ensuing eight years, and that G. R. Brown, W. G. Henry, M. E. Lawson and H. R. Van Deusen had been elected for the ensuing four years.

Resolution
Referred to
Committee
on Interde-
nominational
Relations

Motion of Willis J. King (Texas), duly seconded, prevailed referring the following Resolutions to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations (DB-174).

WHEREAS, our reunited Methodist Church, which represents the union of the three major divisions of Methodism, has for its ultimate objective the reunion of all American Methodism; and

WHEREAS, there still remains out of this union a considerable body of the people called Methodists;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this first General Conference of our reunited Methodism set up a permanent Commission on Interdenominational Relations and Church Union, to be composed of Bishops, Ministers, and Laymen, representing all the Jurisdictions of the Church.

RESOLVED further, that this Commission be authorized to enter into negotiations, looking toward organic union, with such other branches of Methodism, and of other Church organizations as may give evidence of interest in such negotiations, and when, in the judgment of the Commission, such negotiations are feasible.

The Secretary read the following communication from Dr. John H. Race (DB-175).

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Tuesday

Reply from
J. H. Race

"The sympathetic message from the General Conference, through you will ever remain a tender memory. Thank God for our faith, and His sustaining and comforting grace.

JOHN H. RACE.

New York, N. Y.
April 29, 1940.

The following cablegram was read to the Conference (DB-176).

Cablegram
from Bishop
Abe

Bishop Arthur Moore,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Prayers and best wishes to General Conference.

YOSHAMUNE ABE.

Various announcements were made.

Motion of Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed that we adjourn. The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of India.

Motion to
Adjourn

Benediction
by Bishop
J. Waskom
Pickett

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

MAY 1
SEVENTH DAY
Wednesday

The General Conference convened in the session of the seventh day at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, May 1, 1940 with Bishop Adna W. Leonard in the Chair.

The devotional service was conducted by Bish-

Devotions

MAY 1
SEVENTH DAY
Wednesday

op Robert E. Jones, and the message of the morning was brought by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, who concluded the service with prayer.

The Conference was favored with a musical number by the Quartett from Drew University, the selection being "O My Saviour," by Protheroe.

Business
Sessions

The Conference was called to order for the business session at 9 A.M., by Bishop Leonard.

Report
Journal
Committee
Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-177) was adopted as follows:

We have examined the Journal and find it correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*,
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 5
Committee
on
Credentials
Adopted

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Credentials (DB-178) was adopted. For Report see page 685.

The following Resolutions of the Committee on Credentials (DB-179) were adopted:

Resolutions of
Committee
Adopted

The Committee on Credentials submits two recommendations this morning. The approval of the Conference will give the Committee a basis for the completion of its work.

1st. When the record of a change is printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as a "courtesy seating" it will in no way effect the travel or *per diem* allowance of the Principal Delegate.

2nd. On and after the morning session of May 4th, Reserve Delegates will be seated without expense to the General Conference.

M. E. LAZENBY, *Chairman*,
EARL R. BROWN, *Secretary*.

Report of
Committee
on
Courtesies

The Committee on Courtesies and Privileges presented the following matters, and action was taken by the Conference as indicated:

Greetings to
Mrs.
Bethune

1st. That the Secretary of the General Conference be requested to send the greetings of the body to Mrs. Mary McCloud Bethune, lay delegate from the South Florida Conference, detained at home by illness. (DB-180.)

2nd. That the Memorial Service be held at the Worship Service period Saturday morning, May 4th, and that Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Bishop Urban V. W. Darlington and the Chairman of the New York Conference delegation be appointed a Committee to plan and carry out this service. (DB-181.)

3rd. A Resolution concerning the establishing of a Branch Office of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, signed by Roy L. Smith, John R. Kenney, Sydney W. Hall, Chas. MacCaughey and W. H. Hertzog was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and Church Extension. (DB-182.)

4th. Adopted the following Resolution (DB-183):

Be It Resolved, That this General Conference sends affectionate greetings to all Methodists whose Delegates to this General Conference were prevented by conditions in their own lands from coming to this place.

The Conference offers earnest prayer for their welfare and that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may be among them now and evermore, Amen.

(Signed) Ernest F. Tittle, Fred D. Stone, Aubrey S. Moore, Mrs. W. H. Dangel, Alfred C. Crawford, Mrs. C. H. Timmons, James A. James, Costen J. Harrell, John F. Baggett, B. A. Whitmore, W. H. Wiseman, William O. Batts, J. W. E. Bowen.

5th. That Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Dr. W. G. Cram and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman be appointed a Committee to make suitable reply to the following Communication (DB-184) received from the Central Conference in Germany of The Methodist Church (DCA-229).

THE METHODIST CHURCH CENTRAL CONFERENCE IN GERMANY
BISHOP F. H. OTTO MELLE

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

MAY 1
SEVENTH DAY
Wednesday
Memorial
Service Set
for Saturday

Resolution
Referred to
Committee
on Missions
and Church
Extension

Greetings
Sent

Committee to
Reply to
Message
from
Central
Conference
of Germany

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Committee to
Reply to
Message
from
Central
Conference
of Germany

in session at Atlantic City, April-May, 1940.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference in Germany and the District Superintendents of the five Annual Conferences in Germany, in a united meeting at Klosterlausnitz i. Thuringia, February 14th, 1940, resolved to send their cordial greetings and best wishes to the GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Our five Annual Conferences have elected their preacher and lay delegates. However, the war makes it impossible for them to take part. Yet, they feel themselves in close fellowship with their brethren yonder the ocean, they will follow in spirit the deliberations of the General Conference with great interest, and they are praying that the Head of His Church may lead the General Conference through his Spirit in all truth, that He may bless all partakers of this great gathering with new faith and an increased love, and that He, whom is given all power in heaven and earth, may make the first General Conference of the United Church the starting point of a new revival like that in the days of the beginning of Methodism.

Our work in the region of the Central Conference in Germany is going on successfully in spite of the storms of war. Where the active preachers are in the army, the superannuated and the local preachers fill the place. The Theological Seminary was reopened in January with a small number of students. Our hospitals serve partly wounded soldiers, and our deaconesses, of course, are ready to help where the suffering need them. There is a hopeful spirit in our congregations. New doors have been opened for the gospel in the regions who newly came to Germany, other circles of believers express the wish to unite with us, and we hope and expect new progress in the Lord's work.

Our Central Conference seems to be the first one which reached the goal of self-supporting. We see in this fact a sign that The Methodist Church was led by God when she at the right time organized Central Conferences and so gave a greater independence and the possibility of necessary adaptation to the changing circumstances to the Church, working in foreign countries.

And we consider it a special reason for thankfulness, and as an act of God's providence that in the present crisis of the Churches and of the nations of Europe, we have a Bishop who belongs to us in wartime as well as in peace, and whose leadership acknowledged within and without our own Church has proven to be a great blessing.

It is our deep conviction that the old gospel proves its power also in the confusion of the new time, that Methodism if it remains faithful to its call to save souls and to spread holiness over the lands, has still a great task to fulfill in Europe, and that the ideal of a free Church and of a church organization as Methodism represents is called—just at the turning point of time in which we are—to make necessary and most important contribution to church-like and church-organization in Germany and the other countries of Europe.

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H. STEHL, JOH. SCHMIDT, O. GORICKE, I. W. E. SOMMER, M. STEMMLER, H. FELLMANN, H. HUXOLL, K. KREUTZER, B. VOGELSANG, E. BRAUNLICH, R. WEDEL, O. FOUCAR, H. GEORGI, J. ELFNER, G. BEISIEGEL, M. ARNOLD, J. HERTER.

6th. Adopted the following Resolution presented by the Legislative Committee of the Three Budgeting Agencies of The Methodist Church. (DB-185.)

Resolution
Adopted re
Overlapping

Believing that there should be the closest possible co-operation between all the General Boards of our Church and that overlapping and duplication of work and promotion should be reduced to the minimum and thereby reduce the expense to the Church,

The World Service Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the General Commission on Budget of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church hereby request the General Conference to instruct the General Commission on World Service and Finance to study this whole matter and report its recommendation to the 1944 General Conference for consideration and action.

W. F. BRYAN, *Chairman,*
JAMES A. JAMES, *Secretary*
Committee on Legislation of
the Three Joint Budgeting
Commissions.

(World Service Commission of Methodist Episcopal Church
(Commission on Budget of Methodist Episcopal Church, South
(Executive Committee of Methodist Protestant Church).

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Report of
Committee
on
Courtesies
Adopted

Parliamentary
Situation
Stated

Order of the
Day Re-
scinded for
Time Being

Consideration
of Report
No. 8
Committee
on
Education
Resumed

H. T. Freeman
Moves to
Amend

The Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges was then adopted as a whole.

Bishop Leonard stated that there was an Order of the Day, the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests and raised the question as to whether the Conference desired to take the Order of the Day up at this time, or to rescind its action relative thereto, complete the consideration of Report No. 8 of the Committee on Education, and then enter into the Order of the Day.

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that the Conference rescind its action relative to the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests at this time, complete consideration of Report No. 8 of the Committee on Education, and then take up Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Consideration of Report No. 8 of the Committee on Education (DCA-162) Calendar No. 30, Title: "Special Days and Offerings," was resumed, with Arlo A. Brown (Newark) Chairman of the Committee, stating that he would not speak further unless there is debate.

Horace T. Freeman (South Georgia) presented the following amendment (DB-186) to Paragraph 1119, second column (DCA-162) and moved its adoption:

"As a means of educating the Church in regard to better race relations throughout the world, the second Sunday in February shall be observed as Race Relations Sunday in all the congregations of the Church.

"In the congregations in Continental United States on Race Relations Sunday, the needs of Negro schools and the interest of Christian education for Negro youth shall be presented.

"The Board of Education shall receive all monies derived from the observance of this day in the United States," the rest of the paragraph to remain as it is in the Report.

The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.

Phillips B. Smith (North Indiana) moved to amend Paragraph 1122 by adding (DB-187).

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Amendment
Lost

P. B. Smith
Moves to
Amend

"We recommend that the Board of Education arrange that in the administration of these Loan Funds attention be given deserving applicants from this Fund, when a rigid adherence to the rules governing the granting of funds would deprive them of this privilege."

The motion being duly seconded, Phillips B. Smith spoke to the same.

Arlo A. Brown spoke against the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Amendment
Lost

J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina) Secretary of the Committee of Nineteen presented the following editorial changes to comply with the motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) adopted yesterday (DB-188).

J. E. Ford
Presents
Editorial
Changes

1. (DCA-162) column 2, line four; change the word "sent" to "paid," and insert after the word "paid," the following "through the Annual Conference Treasurer or the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education as the Annual Conference may direct."

2. Column 2, line ten, preceeding the words "general benevolences," insert the word "apportioned."

3. Paragraph 1177, column 2, line 13, change the word "sent" to "paid." In lines fourteen and fifteen, after the words "Board of Education," add "and may be remitted through the Annual Conference Treasurer as the Annual Conference may direct."

In last line of Paragraph 1177, insert before the words "Conference Benevolences" the word "apportioned."

4. In Paragraph 1119, line twenty, change the word "sent" to "paid," and add after "paid," the following "through the Annual Conference Treasurer or the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education as the Annual Conference may direct,"

5. Paragraph 1119, line twenty-seven, preceeding the words "General Benevolences" insert the word "apportioned."

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Report
Adopted

Resolution
from
General
Commission
on World
Service and
Finance
Ordered
Printed

On motion of Arlo A. Brown (Newark), duly seconded, the Report was adopted. (DB-189.) For Report see page 517.

On motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee), duly seconded, the following Resolution from the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-190) was ordered printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of tomorrow, and its consideration made the Order of the Day for tomorrow morning immediately following the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges:

RESOLVED: That Paragraph 839 be amended by adding the following words:

Provided, that for the quadrennium 1940-1944 the apportionment for the General Benevolences shall be the total apportioned for the same items and objects for the Conference year last ended in the three uniting Churches. This total shall be apportioned by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the respective Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church so that each Conference shall receive an apportionment in like amount to the apportionment of the last Conference year for the same items and objects. Proper additions and subtractions shall be made for all changes in Conference boundaries and all divisions and consolidations of Conferences.

Provided further, the same rule for apportionments to the several Annual Conferences shall apply with respect to the General Administration Fund. If by this rule however, the total apportionments to the several Conferences are not sufficient to yield an amount equal to the General Administration Budget adopted by this General Conference, then this necessary increase shall be distributed among the Conferences in direct proportion to their several apportionments for the last Conference year.

E. L. WALDORF, *Chairman*,

COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

Order of Day
Taken Up

The Order of the Day, consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests (DB-191) Calendar No. 31 (DCA-163), Title: "A Weekly Religious Paper," was taken up.

Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina)

Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, requested permission for Troy W. Appleby (Ohio) and Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Co-ordinating Committee, to come to the platform to assist in making certain explanations. By common consent the Conference granted the request.

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Paul N. Garber asked consent of the Conference to make the following changes (DB-192) in the printed Report. The Conference, by common consent, agreed to the same:

Changes Made
by Common
Consent

1. In Section 3, line 2 delete the words "a managing" and insert the word "an."
2. In Section 4, line 2 delete the word "Managing."

Paul N. Garber moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, he spoke to the Report. By common consent the Conference granted the Secretary of the Committee on Publishing Interests permission to include in the caption of the Report the data called for in Rule 29, the printer having failed to print them.

Motion to
Adopt

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 646.

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia) presented Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Committee (DCA-132) and moved its adoption. The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 699.

Report
Adopted
Report No. 2
Co-operating
Committee
Adopted

Bishop Leonard inquired if it was the pleasure of the Conference to hear the Report of the Sifting Committee?

Sifting
Committee
Report

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised a point of order "that the Sifting Committee is the determining authority as to whether or not such questions, proposals, resolutions, or communications referred to it shall be considered, and without a suspension of the Rules, we cannot receive such a Report." (DB-194.)

A. W. Pugh
Raises Point
of Order

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Wednesday
Point of
Order Not
Sustained
Report Sifting
Committee
Presented

The Chair ruled the point of order out of order at this time because the Report had not been read to the Conference.

Tully C. Knoles (California) Chairman of the Sifting Committee presented Report No. 1 as follows (DB-195).

SIFTING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1

The Sifting Committee reports that in the matter of Doctor Crane's statement referred to it by the General Conference, that there is no resolution or motion contained in the paper, therefore, its materials are not subject to debate by this body and not a privileged question in the light of the Rules.

However, inasmuch as two-thirds of Doctor Crane's statement has been read, your Committee recommends that Doctor Crane be permitted to complete the reading.

We further recommend that the Chairman of the Committee involved be allowed to answer the criticisms of the paper, it being agreed that there be no further debate. To this statement both Doctor Crane and the Chairman of the Committee involved agreed.

TULLY C. KNOLES, *Chairman*,
HARRY N. HOLMES, *Secretary*.

Motion to
Adopt

Tully C. Knoles moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was duly seconded.

B. W. Meeks
Raises
Question

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) raised a question concerning the Report, in that it aims to substitute a Report for the Rules of the Conference.

Point of Order
of A. W.
Pugh
Sustained

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) renewed his previous point of order and the Chair ruled it well taken.

Report of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-196) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Paul B. Kern as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference on Thursday morning, May 2nd.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Calendar
Resumed

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Ministry

(DB-197), Calendar No. 4 (DCA-100), Title: "Consecration of Bishops," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) Chairman, who requested William P. King (North Georgia) to present and speak to the Report. Dr. King moved the adoption of the Report, and the motion was duly seconded.

The Chair announced that as the Report recommended a constitutional change it would require a count vote. The Tellers for Standing Votes assumed their places under the direction of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio) Chairman, and proceeded to count the votes for adopting the Report.

During the counting of the votes for the Report, motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River), duly seconded, prevailed that the members of the newly elected Judicial Council be presented to the Conference at a time to be determined by the President of the Council and the Presiding Bishop.

The count was made of those opposed to adopting Report No. 1 of the Committee on Ministry.

The report of the Tellers on the adoption of the Report was six hundred and seventy-five (675) for and none against, and the Chair declared it to be unanimously adopted. For Report see page 591.

Motion of Lynn Harold Hough (New York East), duly seconded, prevailed by common consent, that before the presentation of the members of the Judicial Council, the Conference act on Report No. 2 of the Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 39 (DCA-220). (DB-198.)

Report No. 2, Committee on Ministry (DB-199), Calendar No. 5 (DCA-100), Title: "Harmonizing the *Discipline*," was presented by William P. King (North Georgia) who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 591.

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Report No. 1
Committee
on Ministry
Presented

Constitutional
Change
Called for
and Count
Vote Taken

Members of
Judicial
Council to
Be
Presented

Report
Adopted

Motion re Re-
port No. 2
Committee
on Judicial
Administra-
tion

Report No. 2
Committee
on Ministry
Adopted

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Report No. 1
Conference
Claimants
Presented

Report No. 1, Committee on Conference Claimants (DB-200), Calendar No. 6 (DCA-100), Title: "Distribution of Percentages of Salary," was presented by Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) who called attention to two editorial changes, as follows:

Editorial
Changes

1. In (5) line 7, delete the word "shall" at the beginning of the line.

2. In (5) line 11, change the words "shall be" to the word "are" following the word "Fund" at the beginning of the line.

No objection being raised to these changes, Thomas S. Brock moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, Thomas S. Brock spoke to the Report.

R. M. Shipman
Speaks
to Report

Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke to the Report and offered a suggestion that was not accepted by Thomas S. Brock.

T. E. Colley
Against
Report

Thomas E. Colley (Erie) spoke against the Report.

The Chair inquired if any one desired to speak in favor of the Report. No one claiming the floor, Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) was recognized and spoke against the Report.

B. W. Meeks
Against
Report

Previous
Question
Ordered

Samuel C. Rice (Kentucky) moved the previous question (DB-200A) and the motion was duly seconded. The motion being put, the previous question was ordered.

Report
Adopted

Thomas S. Brock closed the debate. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 478.

Resolutions re
Journal of
General
Conference

On motion of Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), duly seconded, the following Resolutions (DB-201) were adopted:

JOURNAL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the General Conference be authorized to edit the Journal of the General Conference for publication; that he be authorized to make such verbal changes in the phraseology of the Journal as

may be necessary to correctness and uniformity, but not so as to change the meaning of any action of the General Conference; and that the published copy, properly certified by him be the official Journal of this Conference.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Publishing Agents be authorized to publish the Journal of the General Conference, and to send a copy to each delegate of the General Conference, to each Bishop, and to each approved College, Seminary, and Theological School of The Methodist Church in the United States; the expense for publication and distribution to be charged to the General Conference Expense Fund.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced that Orrin W. Auman, elected a member of the General Commission on World Service and Finance on the first day of the Conference, had been elected Treasurer of the Commission, and offers his resignation in consequence of his election as Treasurer, and that the Council of Bishops nominate James A. James (Rock River) to take his place. The resignation of Orrin W. Auman was accepted and James A. James was elected to fill his place on the General Commission of World Service and Finance, by vote of the Conference.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved that after recess all speeches be limited to three minutes, except for Chairmen of Committees and delegates representing Minority Reports, who shall be allowed five minutes. (DB-202.) The motion was duly seconded.

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended for the adoption of the Henson motion.

The motion of George W. Henson was then adopted.

The Conference recessed for ten minutes.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Leonard at 10:40 A.M., who requested James

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O. W. Auman
Resigns

J. A. James
Elected

Speeches
Limited

Rules
Suspended

Motion
Adopted

Recess

Reconvene

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Wednesday

Singers from
Allegheny
College
Sang

R. Houghton to present the singers from Allegheny College of Meadville, Pennsylvania. Dr. Houghton presented the Choir and their Director, Professor Morten J. Luvaas. The Choir sang "Awake, Awake," by Nicolai, and "Beautiful Saviour," the Crusaders' Hymn arranged by Christianson.

Bishop
Leonard
Expresses
Thanks

Bishop Leonard, in behalf of the Conference, thanked the Choir and Dr. Luvaas.

Members of
Judicial
Council
Presented

Bishop Leonard presented the members of the Judicial Council to the Conference as follows:

"Members of the Conference: It is my honor, as the Presiding Officer at this session of the first General Conference of The Methodist Church, to present to you those whom you have elected as members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church."

Ministers elected for eight years, Francis R. Bayley, Walter C. Buckner and J. Stewart French.

Laymen elected for eight years, M. A. Childers and V. P. Clarke.

Ministers elected for four years, George R. Brown, W. G. Henry.

Laymen elected for four years, M. E. Lawson and H. R. Van Duesen. The delegates arose and applauded.

Report No. 2
Judicial Ad-
ministration
Presented

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Judicial Administration (DB-204), Calendar No. 39 (DCA-220) Title: "Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Judicial Council," was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman of the Committee. By common consent, Nathan Newby read the Report to the Conference.

Rules
Suspended
for Adoption

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, that as this Report had just been printed today in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, that the Rules be suspended for its consideration (DB-205).

Report
Adopted

Nathan Newby spoke to the Report and moved

its adoption (DB-206). The motion duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 567.

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Bishop Leonard presented Francis R. Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, who addressed the Conference. For Address see page 788.

F. R. Bayley
Addresses
Conference

On motion of Chester A. Smith (New York), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-207) was adopted:

Resolution re
Decision of
Judicial
Council

WHEREAS, the decisions of the Judicial Council should be preserved in suitable form for the use of the members of the Church and for historical purposes,

Resolved, that the Publishing Agents be authorized and directed to publish such reports in suitable bound volumes and at such times as they deem proper.

NATHAN NEWBY,
JNO. J. BUNTING,
FRANK C. PROPERT,
A. WESLEY PUGH,
H. O. DAVIDSON,
CHESTER A. SMITH.

On motion of Thomas D. Ellis (DB-208) (South Georgia), duly seconded the following Resolution (DB-209) presented by E. D. Kohlstedt, Secretarial Delegate, was adopted:

Resolution re
Organiza-
tion of
Board of
Missions
and Church
Extension

WHEREAS, by action of the General Conference on Saturday, April 27, 1940 a Special Report from the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension was adopted, recommending that "The Board of Missions and Church Extension be organized on or about July 24-26, 1940 in some convenient city, taking into consideration the cost of transportation and the convenience of similar gatherings; therefore

RESOLVED, that the Council of Bishops be and is hereby authorized and requested to fix the place and date for the organization of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, as well as to name one of their number to serve as the Convener of said Board for this purpose.

E. D. KOHLSTEDT.

Report No. 4 Committee on Education (DB-210), Calendar No. 7 (DCA-100), Title: "Grad-

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Education
Adopted

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uate Course Credit," was presented and read by Arlo A. Brown (Newark) Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 516.

Report No. 5
Education
Adopted

Report No. 5, Committee on Education (DB-211), Calendar No. 8 (DCA-100), Title: "Composition of Jurisdictional Boards of Education," was presented and read by Arlo A. Brown (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 517.

Point of Order
Sustained

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that under Rule 29 Legislative Reports need not be read, unless the Conference so ordered. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Report No. 1
American
Bible
Society,
Adopted

Report No. 1, Committee on American Bible Society (DB-212), Calendar No. 10 (DCA-134), Title: "Concerning American Bible Society," was presented by Henry Gilligan (Baltimore), Chairman of the Committee, who requested permission to read the Report. By common consent, permission was granted. Henry Gilligan moved the adoption of the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 476.

Report No. 3
Ministry
Presented

Report No. 3, Committee on Ministry (DB-213), Calendar No. 11 (DCA-134), Title: "Annual Conference Appointments," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

F. N. Parker
Against
Report

Franklin N. Parker (Louisiana) spoke against the Report.

J. E. Skillington
Moves
to Amend

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend the Report (DB-214) by sub-

stituting for the last three lines, beginning "the District Superintendents" the following:

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Each District Superintendent shall make an earnest effort to consult with each of those ministers in his District whose appointment it is proposed to change, and who have not already been consulted by him concerning the proposed change, including the charge to which it is proposed to appoint him.

The motion being seconded J. Edgar Skillington spoke to the same.

Henry Gilligan (Baltimore) moved to amend the Skillington amendment by adding after the word "charge" the words "from which and" (DB-215). The motion was duly seconded. J. Edgar Skillington stated he would accept the amendment, if agreeable to the Conference, but with the provision an earnest effort is made to consult the minister to be changed and the representatives of the charge from which he goes and to which he comes.

H. Gilligan
Moves to
Amend
Amendment

Orien W. Fifer spoke to the amendments.

O. W. Fifer
Speaks to
Amendment

The amendment of Henry Gilligan, with the consent of those supporting it, and no objections being raised from the Conference, was withdrawn.

Amendment
Withdrawn

The vote on the Skillington amendment was put, and the amendment was not adopted.

Skillington
Amendment
Lost

William P. King (North Georgia) spoke in favor of the Report.

W. P. King
for Report

G. Ellis Williams (Baltimore) moved the previous question (DB-216). The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Orien W. Fifer proposed an addition by common consent of the implied suggestions before the Report was adopted. Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) raised the point of order (DB-217) that the Chairman is to close the debate, not to amend.

O. W. Fifer
Proposes
to Amend

A. A. Callaghan
Point
of Order
Sustained

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Report
Adopted

Report No. 4
Ministry
Adopted

Report No. 1
Hospitals
and Homes
Withdrawn

Report No. 2
Hospitals
and Homes
Adopted

Report No. 3
Hospitals
and Homes
Withdrawn

Report No. 5
Ministry
Presented

F. B. Newell
Moves to
Amend

The Chair ruled the point well taken. Orien W. Fifer closed the debate. The Report was adopted as printed. For Report see page 591.

Report No. 4, Committee on Ministry (DB-218), Calendar No. 12 (DCA-134), Title: "Consecration of Bishops-Elect," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 592.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Report No. 1, Committee on Hospitals and Homes Calendar No. 13 (DCA-134), had previously been withdrawn for further consideration and revision with the consent of the Conference.

Report No. 2, Committee on Hospitals and Homes (DB-219), Calendar No. 14 (DCA-134), Title: "Composition Board of Managers of Hospitals and Homes," was presented by Okey J. Carder (Missouri) Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 559.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Report No. 3, Committee on Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 15 (DCA-134) had previously been withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, and now was reprinted (DCA-160) but could not come up at this time.

Report No. 5, Committee on Ministry (DB-220), Calendar No. 16 (DCA-135), Title: "Committee on Episcopacy," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Fred B. Newell (New York East) moved to amend by inserting after the words "Annual Conference delegation," in line six, Paragraph 435, the following sentence, "The nominees from

each Annual Conference shall be the delegates selecting the Committee on Episcopacy." The motion being duly seconded, Fred B. Newell spoke to the same.

Frank B. Jones (Memphis) spoke against the amendment.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) spoke in the interest of a clarification in the statement of Fred B. Newell.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) spoke against the amendment.

Robert B. Stansell (Wisconsin) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Orien W. Fifer spoke against the Newell amendment. The Newell amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 592.

Report No. 3, Committee on Hospitals and Homes (DB-222), Calendar No. 15 (DCA-160), Title: "Financing Philanthropic Institutions," was presented by Okey J. Carder (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 559.

Harry W. Burgan (Baltimore) presented the following request (DB-223) from the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

WHEREAS, The Charter of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, requires that the Board of Governors of said Seminary, five ministers and five laymen, be elected quadrennially by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference of The Methodist Church is the legal successor of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; now,

Therefore, By the authority of said Board of Governors

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F. B. Jones
Against
Amendment

D. L. Marsh
Asks Clari-
fication

F. D. Stone
Against
Amendment

Previous
Question
Ordered

Amendment
Lost

Report
Adopted

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Hospitals
and Homes
Adopted

Request from
Westminster
Theological
Seminary

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of said Seminary, two things are requested of this General Conference of The Methodist Church:

First, That it elect to membership on the Board of Governors of the said Westminster Theological Seminary the following five ministers and five laymen:

Rev. L. E. Bee, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Rev. Reuben Y. Nicholson, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Lester A. Welliver, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. Benjamin W. Meeks, Frederick, Md.

Rev. Thomas S. Holt, Federalsburg, Md.

Mr. George K. Mather, Westminster, Md.

Mr. John H. Baker, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. William C. Scott, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. George W. Culberson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. F. Murray Benson, Baltimore, Md.

Second, That it grant authority to said Board of Governors of said Westminster Theological Seminary to make, or to cause to be made, in its charter such changes as may be necessary to harmonize it with the laws of The Methodist Church.

CHARLES E. FORLINES, *President*,
Westminster Theological Seminary,
Westminster, Maryland.

Vote of
Conference
Ordered
Cast for
Trustees

Motion of Harry W. Burgan (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed that the Secretary of this General Conference of The Methodist Church cast a unanimous ballot for the above names Trustees. In accordance with this action, the Secretary of this General Conference cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for Rev. L. E. Bee, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Rev. Reuben Y. Nicholson, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. Lester A. Welliver, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. Benjamin W. Meeks, Frederick, Md.; Rev. Thomas S. Holt, Federalsburg, Md.; Mr. George K. Mather, Westminster, Md.; Mr. John H. Baker, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. William C. Scott, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. George W. Culberson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Mr. F. Murray Benson, Baltimore, Md., as members of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland.

Trustees
Declared
Elected

Bishop Adna W. Leonard, the Presiding Officer

of this session of the General Conference, thereupon declared them elected according to the motion, duly made, seconded, and adopted.

Motion of Harry W. Burgan (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed that the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary of Westminster, Maryland, be granted authority to make, or to cause to be made, such changes in its charter as may be necessary to harmonize said charter with the laws of The Methodist Church.

Motion of Albert G. Judd (Northern New York), duly seconded, prevailed referring the following Resolution (DB-224) to the Judicial Council:

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Authority
Granted
Board of
Governors

Resolution
Referred to
Judicial
Council

WHEREAS, the Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the request of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference (Par. 43, Sec. 1) and

WHEREAS, the Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Sec. 13) and

WHEREAS, in the Legislation in the *Discipline*, Par. 492, the following statement occurs: "A Mission Conference . . . may elect one Ministerial and one Lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference," which seems to be in contradiction to the above mentioned statement in the Plan of Union;

Therefore be it resolved, That the General Conference request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the statement in Par. 492 and report to the General Conference its decision.

Submitted by the Commission on Expense and Agenda of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

ALBERT G. JUDD, *Secretary*.

Motion of W. F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, prevailed fixing as the Order of the Day for tomorrow the consideration of Reports No. 1 and No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies (DCA-131 and 208) said Order of the Day to

Order of Day
Fixed for
Tomorrow

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Bishop
Hughes'
Sermon

follow the Order of the Day previously set, that of the consideration of a Resolution from the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-225).

Motion of Boyce C. Martin (Central Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that record be made that the sermon printed on pages 193-198 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* was preached by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes (DB-226).

Matter of Ex-
pense of
Next Gen-
eral Confer-
ence Re-
ferred to
General
Commission
on World
Service and
Finance

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved that we instruct the Commission on World Service and Finance to carefully estimate the amount necessary for the expenses of the next General Conference, and apportion the same equitably throughout the Church. In the event that payments on these apportionments shall be insufficient to pay the full expenses of delegates, payments to delegates shall be in proportion to the percentage which their respective Conferences have paid on their apportionments to the General Administrative Fund (DB-227). The motion was duly seconded.

Loren M. Edwards (Colorado) moved that the matter be referred to the General Commission on World Service and Finance. A Wesley Pugh seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the matter referred.

Memorials
Referred

On motion of Clement D. Rockey (DB-229) (North India), duly seconded, Memorials 1 and 9 of the Executive Board of the Central Conference of Southern Asia were referred to the Standing Committee on Conferences.

Order of Day
Set for
Tomorrow

Motion of James W. Moore (Virginia), duly seconded, prevailed fixing as the Order of the Day immediately after recess tomorrow, the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations (DB-230).

Resolution re
Change in
Rules of
Order
Referred to
Committee
on Rules

On motion of Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) seconded by Joseph R. Pennell (Wyoming) the follow-

ing Resolutions were referred to the Committee on Rules:

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Resolved: That for the provision in our Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, which reads as follows:

RULES: There shall be a Committee of six on Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of six. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may also be referred any other matter relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the Conference, which provision is printed on page 152, lines 2 to 8, inclusive, of the Handbook for Delegates to the General Conference of 1940;

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Change in
Rules of
Order
Referred to
Committee
on Rules

There shall be substituted the following provision to wit;

RULES: There shall be a Committee on Organization and Rules of Order consisting of one Minister delegate and one Lay delegate from each Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, nominated by the Council of Bishops from the membership of the General Conference. The Council of Bishops shall designate one of its number to preside over the deliberations of this Committee. The Secretary of the General Conference shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee, without vote. Proposed Amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall be referred to this Committee. Questions of parliamentary procedure arising during any session of the General Conference may be referred to this Committee.

Be it further resolved: That in preparation for the General Conference of 1944, the said Committee shall be constituted at this session of the General Conference, and shall present before its adjournment a Plan of Organization and Rules of Order which shall be in force and effect in the General Conference of 1944 and until duly amended.

Be it further resolved: That all provisions of our Discipline and Plan of Organization and Rules of Order in conflict with the provisions of the Resolution be and hereby are repealed.

And be it further resolved: That nothing contained herein shall in any way supersede the powers in and service to this General Conference of the Committee now in office.

(Signed)

FRED E. LOTT,
JOSEPH R. PENNELL.

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re Tomorrow
NightG. W. Henson
Moves a
Change in
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consideredD. L. Marsh
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ChangeMotion to
Change
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SuspendedReport No. 7
Education
WithdrawnResolution
Referred to
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on
ConferencesBenediction
by Bishop
Edwin F.
Lee

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, made a privileged statement for the Committee, relative to the program for tomorrow night.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved that in view of the situation the opening time of the session for Thursday afternoon be changed from 2:30 P.M. to 2 P.M., and that the session adjourn at 4 P.M. (DB-232.)

By common consent, the Conference ordered a reconsideration of its previous action setting the time for Thursday afternoon's session.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) spoke against the 2 o'clock opening time.

George W. Henson, spoke for the motion. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, requested permission to take up Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 20 out of its regular order and consider it at this time. The request, by common consent of the Conference, was not granted.

Motion of Clarence M. Dannelly (DB-233), (Alabama), duly seconded, prevailed granting permission for the withdrawal of Report No. 7, Committee on Education, Calendar No. 18 (DCA-160) for further consideration by the Committee.

Motion of Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed referring a Resolution relative to Jurisdictional Conference Boards to the Standing Committee on Conferences, without reading or printing (DB-234).

Various announcements were made.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Edwin F. Lee.

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1940

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The General Conference convened at 8:30 A.M., Thursday May 2, 1940 with Bishop Paul B. Kern in the Chair.

The devotional services were conducted by Bishop Ralph A. Ward and Bishop W. Walter Peele brought the message of the morning, closing with prayer. Bishop Ward pronounced the Benediction.

Devotions

Bishop Kern called the Conference to order for the business session at 9 A.M.

Business Session

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-235) was adopted as follows:

Report Committee on Journal Adopted

We have examined the Journal of yesterday's session and find it correct.

ROBERT A. STANSELL, *Chairman*,
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 6 (DB-236) and Report No. 7 (DB-237) (DCA-286) of the Committee on Credentials were separately presented and adopted. For Reports see pages 686 and 688.

Report No. 6 and 7 Credentials Adopted

William M. Alexander (Missouri) Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following matters and the Conference took the action indicated:

Report Committee on Courtesies

1. Set the Memorial Service for deceased Bishops and Delegates for Saturday morning May 4, from 8:30 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. (DB-238.)

Memorial Services

2. Added W. E. Brown, Chairman of the New Mexico Conference delegation to the Committee on Memorial Service. (DB-239.)

Memorial Committee

3. Presented the following communication and requested the Secretary to make suitable reply: (DB-240.)

Message from Bible Training School of Mexico Training

5952 A Stafford Avenue,
Huntington Park, Cal.
April 25, 1940.

Bishop Eleazer Guerra Methodist General Conference,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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Dear Bishop: Will you kindly convey to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, cordial greetings from the Bible Training School of Mexico, D. F., from its present twenty-eight students, its graduates in several denominations, its deaconesses in active service, its volunteer workers.

As loyal daughters of Wesley and with deep affection for The Methodist Church, we pray that the General Conference may experience anew the truth that Christ is the wisdom of God and the power of God.

Prayfully,

MARIA LUISA CHAGOYAN, *Principal*;
RUTH V. WARNER, *Faculty Member*.

Message from
Foochow
Annual
Conference

4. Presented the following communication from the Foochow Annual Conference, and referred it to the Council of Bishops for an appropriate reply. (DB-241.)

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church, assembled in Atlantic City, April 24th, 1940.

Dear Friends in Christ:

At the session of the Foochow Annual Conference held on December 6th, 1939, the Secretary was instructed to extend the greetings of this Mother Conference of East Asia Methodism to the New Methodist World Church.

At such a time as today the world bonds of our churches seem to be the only permanent force for enduring brotherhood. May God richly bless you in your deliberations.

We shall remember you in our prayers as you strive for the coming of the Kingdom of God into this war-torn world. We also ask for your prayers that we may stand firm for the principles of the Christ in our days of great suffering.

(Signed)

E. PEARCE HAYES, *Secretary*,
Foochow Annual Conference.

John R. Mott

5. Requested the privileges of the floor for John R. Mott, for a statement not to exceed ten minutes, and that Ralph E. Diffendorfer present him. By common consent the Conference granted the request.

Ralph E. Diffendorfer presented John R. Mott. The delegates and visitors rose and applauded.

John R. Mott addressed the Conference. For Address see page 790. Bishop Kern appropriately replied.

The Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges was adopted as a whole.

Fred W. Mueller (North-East Ohio) was granted the privilege of making an important announcement in regard to the services tonight.

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-242) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the following selection of Presiding Officers for this General Conference:

On Thursday afternoon, May 2, Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf.

On Friday morning, May 3, Bishop Ernest G. Richardson.

On Friday afternoon, May 3, Bishop A. Frank Smith.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes was recognized upon a matter of privilege for the Conference, and presented the following greetings from The East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church (DB-243):

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes,
The Methodist General Conference,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

April 25, 1940.

Dear Bishop Hughes:

The East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church meeting in its annual session in the city of Allentown, Pennsylvania, extends to you our heartiest congratulations and felicitations upon this the occasion of your First General Conference of a United Methodism.

In these bitter and difficult days it is a fine thing to have manifested before the eyes of the world the reality of the Christian teaching of brotherhood.

May your joys increase through the years as you truly become one, and may your example find a response in the heart of the Christian church of this land, so that we may truly "all be one."

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Report of
Committee
on
Courtesies
Adopted

F. W. Mueller

Report Com-
mittee on
Presiding
Officers
Adopted

Greetings from
East Penn-
sylvania
Conference,
Evangelical
Church

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We wish God's blessing upon you. Will you graciously convey these greetings to your General Conference in behalf of your friends and well-wishers in the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Church, among whom you have also labored and in whose midst you have brought forth spiritual fruit.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) CHARLES E. KACHELL, Secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference, Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Seventh St., near Turner, Allentown, Pa.

Bishop Hughes
 to Reply

The Conference requested Bishop Hughes to make appropriate reply.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, requested that the Conference, by common consent, reconsider the adopted program, in order to making some important amendments. The Conference, by more than the required two-thirds majority, voted reconsideration.

Revised
 Program

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that the session of the Conference this afternoon, Thursday, begin at 2:15 P.M. instead of 2:30 P.M.; that the Calendar be taken up immediately after the opening; that a session of the Conference be ordered for Friday evening, May 3, from 7:30 P.M. until 9 P.M. (DB-244). The Report of the Committee of Chairmen, as thus amended, was adopted.

Greetings Sent
 to African
 Episcopal
 Methodist
 Church and
 African
 Methodist
 Episcopal
 Zion Church

Motion of R. W. Winchester (North Carolina), duly seconded, prevailed that the greetings of this General Conference be sent to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in the city of Detroit, Michigan (DB-245), and to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, assembled in General Conference in the city of Washington, D. C.

Apportion-
 ments for
 General
 Benevolences
 Considered
 and Adopted

The first Order of the Day, consideration of the apportionments for the General Benevolences for the quadrennium of 1940-1944, was then taken up, and on motion of Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee)

(DB-246), duly seconded, the following Resolutions (DB-190) were adopted:

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Provided, that for the quadrennium 1940-1944 the apportionment for the General Benevolences shall be the total apportioned for the same items and objects for the Conference year last ended in the three uniting Churches. This total shall be apportioned by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the respective Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church so that each Conference shall receive an apportionment in like amount to the apportionment of the last Conference year for the same items and objects. Proper additions and subtractions shall be made for all changes in Conference boundaries aid all divisions and consolidations of Conferences.

Provided further, the same rule for apportionments to the several Annual Conferences shall apply with respect to the General Administration Fund. If by this rule, however, the total apportionments to the several Conferences are not sufficient to yield an amount equal to the General Administration budget adopted by this General Conference, then this necessary increase shall be distributed among the Conferences in direct proportion to their several apportionments for the last Conference year.

The next Order of the Day, consideration of the Report the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies, was then taken up. Before entering into the matter pending, by common consent, the Conference suspended the Rules in order that the following Resolution might be presented (DB-247):

Order of the
Day

Rules
Suspended

On motion of W. F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, the following was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the General Conference of The Methodist Church, in session at Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2, 1940, authorize the General Commission on World Service and Finance to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the purpose of meeting the expenses of this General Conference; and

Resolution re
Borrowing
Money
Adopted

That the President and Treasurer of said Commission, in behalf of The Methodist Church, execute the proper papers for the same.

The Order of the Day was entered into and W. F. Bryan (Texas) presented Report No. 1 of the

Report No. 1
Three Joint
Budgeting
Agencies
Presented

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Three Joint Budgeting Agencies (DCA-131 and 132). By common consent, the Conference considered the Report, item by item.

Item I
 Adopted

On motion of W. F. Bryan, duly seconded, Item I was adopted. (DB-248.)

Item II
 Adopted

On motion of W. F. Bryan, duly seconded, Item II was adopted. (DB-249.)

W. F. Bryan moved to adopt Item III (DB-250). The motion was duly seconded.

G. C. Douglass
 Moved to
 Amend

George C. Douglass (Troy) moved to amend Item III by adding the words "but without power to borrow money." The motion being duly seconded, George C. Douglass spoke to the same.

B. W. Meeks
 Moves to
 Amend
 Douglass
 Amendment

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend the Douglass amendment by adding the words (DB-252) "except by the specific authority of the General Conference." The motion was duly seconded.

C. J. Harrell
 Against
 Amendment

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) spoke against the amendment.

Meeks
 Amendment
 Accepted

George C. Douglass accepted the amendment of Benjamin W. Meeks.

B. A. Whitmore
 Against
 Amendment

Ben A. Whitmore (Tennessee) spoke against the amendment and for the Report as printed.

J. G. James
 Against
 Amendment

Paul G. James (Iowa-Des Moines) spoke against the amendment.

Point of Order
 of B. F.
 Smith

Benjamin F. Smith (Lexington) raised the point of order that the speakers were not speaking alternately. (DB-253.) The Chair ruled the point well taken and asked if there was any one desiring to speak in favor of the amendment. No one claimed the floor. W. F. Bryan, Chairman of the Committee closed the debate on the amendment. The amendment, being put to a vote, did not prevail. The motion to adopt Item III prevailed.

W. F. Bryan
 Closes
 Debate

Amendment
 Lost

Item III
 Adopted

Item IV
 Adopted

On motion of W. F. Bryan, duly seconded, Item IV was adopted.

W. F. Bryan presented Item V and moved its

adoption (DB-255). The motion was duly seconded.

Frank H. Ryder (Troy) moved to amend by adding the words "The Commission" at the beginning of the sentence in the second to the last line in column 2 of page 131 DCA, so that it shall read "The Commission, the District Superintendent, etc." The motion, being duly seconded, F. H. Ryder spoke to the same. The amendment was accepted by W. F. Bryan, there being no objection from the Committee or the Conference. The motion to adopt Item V prevailed.

On motion of W. F. Bryan (DB-257), duly seconded, Item VI was adopted.

On motion of W. F. Bryan (DB-258), duly seconded Item VII was adopted.

On motion of W. F. Bryan (DB-259), duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted as a whole. For Report see page 704.

W. F. Bryan (Texas), Chairman presented Report No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies (DCA-208) and moved its adoption (DB-260), and requested that Herschel R. Snavelly (Illinois) speak to the Report. H. R. Snavelly spoke to the matter before the Conference.

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) spoke against the adoption of the Report.

Rufus E. Wicker (Florida) spoke for the adoption of the Report.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) was recognized but yielded the floor to Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona).

Roy L. Smith presented the following substitute for (DB-261) for Report No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies, and moved its adoption:

Strike out Paragraph 856, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Renumber Paragraph 857

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F. H. Ryder
to Amend

Ryder Amend-
ment
Accepted

Item V
Adopted

Item VI
Adopted

Item VII
Adopted

Report
Adopted as
a Whole

Report No. 2
Three Joint
Budgeting
Agencies
Presented

A. W. Martin
Against
Report

R. E. Wicker
for Report

H. P. Sloan
Yields Floor
to R. L.
Smith

R. L. Smith
Presents
Substitute

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R. L. Smith
Presents
Substitute

as new 856; Renumber Paragraph 858 as new 857 and include its first sentence only.

Add the following:

858. "To the Bishops in their areas, the District Superintendents in their Districts, the Pastors in their charges, and the official laymen, with the co-operation of the various General, Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Benevolence, shall be committed the responsibility to make diligent effort to raise the full amount of the askings accepted by the charges."

859. The constituent Boards, severally and co-operatively, shall promote the education and enlistment of the whole Church in its program of General Benevolences.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension through its Joint Division of Education and Cultivation; the Board of Education, in its several Divisions; the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education and Co-ordination; the Board of Temperance, the Board of Lay Activities and other Boards and Agencies receiving support from the General Benevolence funds, in such manner and by such method as shall be deemed most effective, in co-operation with the Bishops, the District Superintendents and the Pastors, shall engage in the education and enlistment of the Church in its total benevolence work.

"860. The Executive Secretaries of the constituent Boards and Agencies, organized as a Council of Secretaries shall co-ordinate their educational and promotional activities in order to avoid duplication, overlapping and competition."

The motion, being duly seconded, Roy L. Smith spoke to the same.

W. M. Pearce
for Report

William M. Pearce (Northwest Texas) spoke in favor of the Report.

C. V. Adams
Speaks to
Question

Charles V. Adams (Central Pennsylvania) spoke to the Report.

A. W. Martin,
Personal
Privilege

Albert W. Martin (North Arkansas) rose to a question of high personal privilege, and stated the same. (DB-262.)

Recess

The hour of recess arriving the Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Reconvene

Bishop Kern called the Conference to order at 10:40 A.M., and requested Bishop Alexander P.

Shaw to present the singers from Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

Bishop Shaw presented the singers from Clark University. Under the direction of Professor J. De Koven Killingworth, they rendered two selections "I Am Seeking for a City," and "Joshua Fit the Battle Of Jericho."

Bishop Kern briefly stated the parliamentary situation and announced there was also an Order of the Day to immediately follow the recess of this session.

James W. Moore (Virginia), Chairman of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, moved that the Order of the Day be postponed until the pending matter has been completed. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

James V. Claypool (New England Southern) moved the previous question on the substitute and the original motion. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

W. F. Bryan, Chairman, requested that Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) close the debate for the Committee. Costen J. Harrell closed the debate.

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) asked a question as to whether the substitute proposed a co-ordinated program under a centralized agency? Roy L. Smith requested that the last paragraph of his substitute be read. The Conference concurring the Secretary read the paragraph.

The motion to substitute the paper of Roy L. Smith for Report No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies, being put to a vote, prevailed.

The substitute for Report No. 2 of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies, was then adopted. For Report see page 708.

The Order of the Day, consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations, was taken up. James W. Moore (Vir-

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Singers from
Clark
University

Parliamentary
Situation
Stated

Order of Day
Postponed
to Complete
Pending
Matter

Previous
Question
Ordered

C. J. Harrell
Closed
Debate

C. A. Jones
Raises
Question

Motion to
Substitute
Prevailed

Substitute
Adopted

Order of the
Day, Report
No. 1, Com-
mittee on
Interdenomi-
national
Relations

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H. P. Sloan
Moves to
Amend

ginia) Chairman of the Committee presented the Report (DB-266), Calendar No. 38 (DCA-220) Title: "Appointment of Representative to Rome," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) moved to amend by striking out the concluding paragraph and end with the quotation from the Episcopal Address. (DB-268.) The motion being duly seconded, Dr. Sloan spoke to the same.

G. R. Jordan
Against
Amendment

G. Ray Jordan (Western North Carolina) spoke against the Sloan amendment.

L. H. Hough
Favors
Amendment

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke in favor of the amendment.

T. J. Lance
Moves to
Amend

T. Jack Lance (North Georgia) moved to amend the Sloan amendment by making the last paragraph of the Report read as follows:

"We believe that the President of the United States has acted for the interests of the peace of the world and we commend him for his position, but we also believe that the people of the United States would like to see the President of the United States recall Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Pope."

The motion to amend was duly seconded.

E. H. Hein-
sohn for
Report

Edmund H. Heinsohn (Southwest Texas) spoke in favor of the Report.

Previous
Question
Moved

W. L. Cash (Louisville) moved the previous question.

F. E. Lott
Raises Point
of Order

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) raised a point of order that Rule 6, page 159 of the Handbook for Delegates was not being observed and asked the Presiding Officer if the Rule had been suspended? The Chair replied "The rule has been suspended by the habitual action of the body."

Ruling of the
Chair

Bishop Kern recognized W. L. Cash (Louisville) and requested him to come to the platform.

Willsie Martin
on Point of
Order

Willsie Martin (Southern California-Arizona) raised the point of order "that you cannot recognize in advance the man who is going to have the

next recognition by the Chair; that each recognition must be individual and must be made when the gentleman arises and addresses the Chair and gets recognition."

Bishop Kern ruled the point of order not well taken.

Willsie Martin appealed from the ruling of the Chair, (DB270) and the appeal was seconded.

W. L. Cash (Louisville) moved the previous question on all before the Conference and the motion was duly seconded.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) raised the point of order is it possible for the mover of the previous question on an amendment, to amend his motion to include all that is before the Conference?

Bishop Kern requested W. L. Cash to clarify his motion. W. L. Cash stated that it applied only to the amendment.

Bishop Kern recognized Willsie Martin (Southern California-Arizona) to speak relative to his appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order that the Chair should speak first, if the appeal is to be debated.

Willsie Martin stated that he had asked the Chair if he desires to speak and that Bishop Kern said he did not.

Willsie Martin stated the grounds for his appeal from the ruling of the Chair. Bishop Kern stated the basis for ruling that Dr. Martin's point of order was not well taken. The Conference, by vote, sustained the ruling of the Presiding Officer.

The motion on the previous question, being put, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on the amendment.

The amendment of T. Jack Lance to the amend-

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Point of Order
Not
Sustained

W. Martin
Appealed to
Conference

W. L. Cash
Moves
Previous
Question

D. L. Marsh
on Point of
Order

Cash Clarifies
Motion

Willsie Martin
Speaks on
Appeal

J. E. Skillington on Point
of Order

Willsie Martin
States
Grounds for
Appeal

Bishop Kern
States
Reasons for
Ruling Chair
Sustained

Previous
Question
Ordered

Lance Amend-
ment Lost

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Count Vote
Asked
J. E. Skillington on Point
of Order

ment of H. P. Sloan, being put to a vote, did not prevail.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) called for a count vote on the Sloan amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised a point of order that a count vote could only be had on the call of one-fifth of the members present and voting.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

The Conference, by more than the one-fifth vote necessary, ordered that a count vote be taken.

Count Vote
Ordered
J. W. Moore
Closes
Debate

James W. Moore (Virginia) Chairman of the Committee, spoke in favor of the Report as printed.

Vote Taken

The Tellers took their stations under the direction of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio) Chairman and counted the vote for the amendment; they then counted the vote against the amendment. They reported as follows (DB-271) for the amendment 234; against the amendment 393. The amendment of H. P. Sloan was not adopted.

Sloan Amend-
ment Lost

Previous
Question
on Report
Ordered

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved the previous question on the original Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was called for.

The Chairman of the Committee, James W. Moore, stated he did not desire to speak further. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 560.

Report
Adopted

Report No. 2
Membership,
Lay Activi-
ties and
Temporal
Economy
Adopted

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 2, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy (DB-273), Calendar No. 19 (DCA-160), Title: "Vice-Chairman of the Official Board" was presented by Nathan Newby? (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman, who moved its adoption (DB-274). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 570.

Report No. 3
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 3, of the same Committee (DB-275),

Calendar No. 20 (DCA-160), Title: "Stewards," was presented by Nathan Newby, and on his motion (DB-276), duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 570.

Report No. 4 of the same Committee (DB-277), Calendar No. 21 (DCA-160), Title: "Stewards," was presented by Nathan Newby, who requested permission to change the word "shall" in the second to the last line in the last paragraph to read "may." The Conference, by common consent, granted the request. Motion of Nathan Newby (DB-278) duly seconded, prevailed, adopting the Report. For Report see page 571.

Report No. 2, Committee on Conference Claimants (DB-279), Calendar No. 22 (DCA-160), Title: "Retirement Age," was presented by Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) Chairman, who stated that the words "Board of Conference Claimants" at the end of the Paragraph should read "Committee on Conference Relations." (DB-280.) By common consent the change was made and Thomas S. Brock moved the adoption of the Report (DB-281). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 478.

Report No. 3, of the same Committee (DB-282), Calendar No. 23 (DCA-160 and 161), Title: "Percentage of Payments for Widows," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, and on his motion (DB-283), duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 478.

Report No. 4, of the same Committee (DB-284), Calendar No. 24 (DCA-161), Title: "Adjusted Compensation," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, who moved its adoption and the motion was duly seconded.

George E. Farrar (Florida) moved as a substitute for the Report the following (DB-286):

The Illinois Corporation is instructed to continue pay-

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Report No. 4
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 2
Conference
Claimants
Adopted

Report No. 3
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 4
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Committee
Presented

Substitute of
G. E. Farrar
Offered

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ment to all Annuitants now being paid through the clearinghouse who are members of an Annual Conference in the territory of the Missouri Corporation—which has merged, owing to Unification—the amount due them for service years rendered in Conferences of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. Said payments shall be made to the Conference Treasurer in which the Annuitant retired and is to continue until the General Conference of 1944.” The Committee on Conference Claimants is recommending a Commission on Pension Legislation.”

The motion being duly seconded, G. E. Farrar spoke to the same.

T. S. Brock
Against
Substitute

Thomas S. Brock, Chairman of the Committee, spoke to the Farrar substitute.

Substitute Re-
ferred to
Committee
on
Conference
Claimants

On motion of Fred B. Newell (New York East) (DB-287), duly seconded, the Farrar substitute was referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants, for consideration and report.

Report No. 4
Adopted

Report No. 4 of the Committee was then adopted. For Report see page 479.

Report No. 5
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 5, of the same Committee (DB-288), Calendar No. 25 (DCA-161), Title: “Church Membership of Dependent Child,” was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, who stated that the word “Amended” in the fifth line of Section 5 should be stricken out. By common consent, this was done, and Thomas S. Brock moved the adoption (DB-289) of the Report. The motion was duly seconded,

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) asked a question relative to the proposed legislation and the Chairman replied. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 479.

Report No. 1
Committee
on Ritual
and Orders
of Worship
Adopted

Report No. 1, Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship (DB-290), Calendar No. 26 (DCA-161), Title: “Church Membership Manual” was presented by J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) Chairman, who moved (DB-291) its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 653.

Report No. 2 of the same Committee (DB-292), Calendar No. 27 (DCA-161), Title: "Appointment of a Commission on Orders of Worship, etc." was presented by J. N. R. Score, who asked common consent to make the following amendment (DB-292), in line 20, column 3, page 161 DCA, change the words "Board of Publication" to read "General Administrative Fund." The amendment was accepted by common consent, and on motion of J. N. R. Score, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 653.

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Report No. 2
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 3 of the same Committee (DB-295), Calendar No. 28 (DCA-162), Title: "An Order in the Ritual for the Reception of Preparatory Members," was presented by J. N. R. Score, who moved (DB-296), the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Report No. 3
Same
Committee
Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke to the Report.

J. N. R. Score, Chairman, closed the debate. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 654.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) presented the following Resolution (DB-297) and moved its reference to the Judicial Council:

Reference to
Judicial
Council

"WHEREAS, The Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the request of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference (Par. 43, Sec. 1) and

WHEREAS, The Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Sec. 17) and

WHEREAS, In the legislation in the *Discipline*, Par. 452, the following statement occurs: "Each Annual Conference and Mission Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay delegates to the Central Conference," which seems to be in contradiction to the above-mentioned statement in the Plan of Union.

Therefore be it resolved, That the General Conference

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request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the statement in Par. 452 and report to the General Conference its decision."

The motion to refer, to the Judicial Council, duly seconded, prevailed.

Reports Nos.
1 and 2,
World Service
and Finance
Ordered
Printed
and Made
Order of
the Day for
Tomorrow

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) presented Reports 1 and 2 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, and moved (DB-298) that they be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of tomorrow, and that their consideration be made the Order of the Day for tomorrow, Friday, May 3, immediately after recess at the morning session. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Resolution Referred to Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship

On motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe, duly seconded, (Central New York) a Resolution regarding the change of the Ritual for the Reception of Members was referred to the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship. (DB-299.)

Resolution Referred to Committee on Judicial Administration

On motion of Chester A. Smith (New York), (DB-300) duly seconded, Resolutions relative to the Judicial Council harmonizing the decisions of the Committees of Appeals of the various Jurisdictional Conferences, were referred to the Committee on Judicial Administration.

Report of Committee on Location of Boards to Be Printed in the Discipline

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia) (DB-301), duly seconded, prevailed that the entire Report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions, be printed in the *Discipline*.

F. R. Bayley Makes Correction

Francis R. Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, and called attention to a typographical error in the Decision of the Judicial Council appearing on page 242, column 1, third paragraph, line 7 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and requested the correction be made in the *Journal*.

Request for Large Auditorium for Tonight

Motion of Homer R. Gettle (North Indiana) (DB-302), duly seconded, prevailed requesting that the larger auditorium be secured for tonight's meeting.

Motion of Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), duly seconded, prevailed that the time of this session be extended for not more than five minutes to complete necessary announcements.

The following telegram was read from John W. Langdale (DB-303):

Greatly pleased to have the greetings of the Conference. Have followed your proceedings with ardent interests. Eagerly looking forward to doing my share in carrying out your decisions. Love to everybody.

JOHN W. LANGDALE.

The following telegram (DB-304) was read from the Governor of Kentucky:

I rejoice with the millions of other adherents of The Methodist Church that unification of the divergent branches of this great religious group is an accomplished fact. It may be anticipated with confidence that the usefulness of our Church will be enlarged with the coming years as a result of this sensible consolidation which will make it a most powerful instrumentality in the cause of Christ.

KEEN JOHNSON, *Governor of Kentucky.*

The following telegram of greetings (DB-305) was read:

Fraternal greetings to the first General Conference of The Methodist Church. Colossians 1, 1-20.

Workers of the Pueblo Districts, Mexico.

Various announcements were made.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Charles Wesley Flint.

EIGHTH DAY—Afternoon Session

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened at 2:15 P.M., Thursday afternoon, May 2, 1940 with Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf in the Chair.

The Conference stood for a moment in silent prayer, after which the male quartette from Drew University rendered "Forever" by Tosti.

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Time
Extended

Telegram
from J. W.
Langdale

Greetings
from
Governor of
Kentucky

Greetings
from Pueblo
Districts,
Mexico

Benediction
Bishop Flint

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Devotions

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Report of
Committee
on Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Committee on Presiding Officers presented their Report (DB-306) and it was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce the selection of Bishop Ernest G. Richardson as the Presiding Officer for Friday morning, May 3.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Calendar

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 6
Ministry
and
Minority
Report
Presented

Report No. 6, Committee on Ministry (DB-307), Calendar No. 29, (DCA-219), Title; "Full Clerical Rights for Women," with a Minority Report attached, was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman of the Committee, who moved (DB-308) the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, O. W. Fifer spoke to the Report.

Motion to
Substitute
Minority
Report

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana), (DB-309) moved to substitute the Minority Report for the Report of the Committee. The motion being duly seconded, A. W. Pugh spoke to the motion to substitute.

P. B. Smith
Against
Minority

Phillips B. Smith (North Indiana) spoke against the Minority Report.

C. A. Smith
for Minority

Chester A. Smith (New York) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

O. J. Carder
Against
Minority

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) spoke against the Minority Report.

W. F. Davis
for Minority

Wilmer Fell Davis (Peninsula) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

H. P. Sloan
Against
Minority

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) spoke against the Minority Report.

Mrs. F. A.
Lamb for
Minority

Mrs. Fred A. Lamb (Southwest Missouri) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

R. I. Farmer
Against
Minority

Roy I. Farmer (North-East Ohio) spoke against the Minority Report.

Miss S. L.
McKinnon
for Minority

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon (North Carolina) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Arba Martin (Ohio) spoke against the Minority Report.

John B. F. Yoak, Jr. (West Virginia) moved the previous question. The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

A. Wesley Pugh representing the Minority Report closed the debate for the Minority Report.

Orien W. Fifer, Chairman of the Committee, closed the debate.

The Minority Report, being put to a vote, was not adopted. The Majority Report was adopted. For Report see page 592.

Motion of William K. Anderson (DB-311) (Pittsburgh), duly seconded, prevailed that in all future count votes, the Tellers shall be the delegates sitting nearest the aisle to the north of each Section of seats in the first fifth, ninth, thirteenth, seventeenth and twenty-first rows. These Tellers shall count the votes in their own and the three rows of the same Section immediately behind and report the result to the Chief Teller.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes requested the Bishops be excused that they might complete the list of nominations ordered by the General Conference. By common consent the Conference granted the request.

Report No. 2, Committee on Publishing Interests (DB-312), Calendar No. 32 (DCA-163), Title: "National Methodist Press," was presented by Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 646.

Report No. 3, of the same Committee (DB-313), Calendar No. 33 (DCA-163), Title: "Publication of Sections of the *Discipline*," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 647.

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Arba Martin
Against
Minority

Previous
Question
Ordered

A. W. Pugh
Closes for
Minority

O. W. Fifer
Closes for
Report

Minority Re-
port Lost

Report
Adopted

Definite Set
of Tellers
Elected

Bishops
Excused

Report No. 2
Publishing
Interests
Adopted

Report No. 3
Publishing
Interests
Adopted

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Report No. 4

Publishing

Interests

Adopted

Report No. 4 of the same Committee (DB-314), Calendar No. 34 (DCA-163), Title: "The Baltimore Publishing House," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 647.

Report No. 5

Publishing

Interests

Adopted

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-315), Calendar No. 35 (DCA-163), Title: "Religion In Life," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 647.

Report No. 6

Publishing

Interests

Adopted

Report No. 6 of the same Committee (DB-316), Calendar No. 36 (DCA-163) Title: "Publishing Agents," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 647.

Report No. 1

Judicial

Administration

Adopted

Report No. 1, Committee on Judicial Administration (DB-317), Calendar No. 37 (DCA-219 and 220), Title: "Trial of Laymen and Ministers," was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 564.

Report No. 1

State of the

Church

Adopted

Report No. 1, Committee on State of the Church (DB-318), Calendar No. 40 (DCA-220 and 221) Title: "Commission on World Peace," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 655.

Report No. 2

State of the

Church

Adopted

Report No. 2, of the same Committee (DB-319), Calendar No. 41 (DCA-221) Title: "Commission on World Peace," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 656.

Report No. 3

State of the

Church

Adopted

Report No. 3 of the same Committee (DB-320), Calendar No. 42 (DCA-221) Title: "Evangelism," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 656.

Report No. 4 of the same Committee (DB-321), Calendar No. 43 (DCA-321 and 322), Title: "Temperance," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Chapin D. Foster (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend by inserting the following new paragraph (DB-322), just before the last paragraph of the Report:

We are also cognizant of the fact that across the country there are newspapers and magazines which have refused and continue to refuse liquor advertising, which means substantial financial loss. We heartily commend them for their courage in standing by this policy.

The amendment was accepted by Ernest F. Tittle for the Committee and with the consent of the Conference.

Chapin D. Foster requested permission to add to his amendment the name of the National Broadcasting Company.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) requested (DB-323) that the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church verify the fact that the National Broadcasting Company does exclude liquor advertisements before the name is published in the Journal.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) moved (DB-324) that we simply say "those Broadcasting Companies who refuse liquor advertising." The suggestion was accepted by Ernest F. Tittle for the Committee and by the Conference, by common consent. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 659.

Report No. 6 of the same Committee (DB-325), Calendar No. 44 (DCA-222), Title: "Public Morals," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted. For Report see page 663.

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Report No. 4
State of the
Church
Presented

C. D. Foster
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

B. W. Meeks
Speaks to
Question

Fred D. Stone
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 6
State of the
Church
Adopted

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Report Sifting
Committee

Tully C. Knoles (California), Chairman of the Sifting Committee presented the following Report (DB-326) :

The Sifting Committee reports that Dr. H. H. Crane should be permitted to complete his written statement before the General Conference.

TULLY C. KNOLES, *Chairman*,

HARRY N. HOLMES, *Secretary*.

G. W. Henson
Speaks to
Report

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved (DB-327) that after Henry Hitt Crane has made the statement authorized by the Sifting Committee, Leslie J. Lyons be given the privilege of making a statement, and that shall end the debate.

George W. Henson suggested a time limit of five minutes for Leslie J. Lyons.

Fred D. Stone
Speaks to
Report

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) moved to amend the Henson motion by giving fifteen minutes to the matter involved.

Consideration
Deferred

Motion of Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines), duly seconded, prevailed that consideration of the matter be deferred until tomorrow morning.

Address of
Bishop
Leonard to
Be Pub-
lished

Motion of Ongole Joshua (Hyderabad), duly seconded, prevailed that the address of Bishop Leonard on "Methodism and Institutional Education," be printed and made available to the staff members of all the educational institutions of The Methodist Church in the whole world (DB-329).

Resolution re
World Fed-
eration of
Methodist
Women

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson (Upper Iowa) presented the following paper (DB-330) :

The World Federation of Methodist Women is recognized as an agency of the Church organized to unite National Units of Methodist women in the purpose to know Christ and to assist in establishing His Kingdom among peoples, in all areas of life.

MRS. THOMAS NICHOLSON,

ROY L. SMITH,

KARL K. QUIMBY.

Mrs. Nicholson moved that the statement be accepted and printed in the *Discipline*. The motion was seconded by Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee) Mrs. Nicholson spoke to the matter pending.

William F. McMurry (Memphis) moved that the matter be referred to the Sifting Committee for reference to the proper Committee for study and report. The motion was duly seconded.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) spoke against the motion to refer.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved to amend the McMurry motion (DB-332) by referring the matter to the Committee on Missions. William F. McMurry, with the consent of his second, accepted the Marsh amendment.

Mrs. Nicholson spoke to the matter pending. The motion to refer to the Committee on Missions prevailed.

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference was recognized for a privileged statement, relative to the program of tonight.

Christian F. Bohmfalk (Southwest Texas) presented Resolutions (DB-333) relative to the legality of an act taken by the Southern Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its last session before being merged with Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction and moved its reference to the Committee on Judicial Administration. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the paper was referred.

Various announcements were made.

The Conference adjourned with prayer by Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon).

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Motion to
Print in
Discipline

W. F.
McMurry
Moves to
Refer

Fred D. Stone
Against
Reference

D. L. Marsh
Moves to
Amend
Amendment
Accepted

Resolution
Referred

L. J. Lyons
Makes An-
nouncement

C. F. Bohm-
falk Moves
Reference
to Judicial
Council

Closing Prayer
by E. W.
Peterson

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NINTH DAY

Friday

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY, 3, 1940

The General Conference convened at 8:30 A.M., Friday, May 3, 1940 with Bishop Ernest G. Richardson in the Chair.

Devotions

Bishop Richardson stated that Bishop Charles L. Mead, who was to have conducted the devotions had been temporarily delayed, and that Bishop Edwin F. Lee, would conduct both the devotions and also bring the message of the morning, closing with the Benediction.

Business Session

Bishop Richardson called the Conference to order for the business session at 9 A.M.

Report Committee on Journal Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Journal (DB-334) was adopted as follows:

We have examined separately the Journal of the morning and afternoon sessions of Thursday May 2, 1940 and they are correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*,
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Report No. 8 Credentials Adopted

Report No. 8 of the Committee on Credentials (DB-335) was presented and adopted without reading. For Report see page 689.

Announcement re Delegates' Expense

Marion E. Lazenby (North Alabama) Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, at the request of the Conference Treasurer, called the attention of the delegates to Section IV, page 158 of the Handbook for Delegates.

Report Committee on Courtesies

William M. Alexander (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges presented the following matters and the Conference, by formal vote, on motion duly made and seconded, took action, as indicated.

1. Ordered published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of tomorrow the following (DB-336).

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP W. E. BROWN

Bishop W. E. Brown

Our present interest is to express briefly the high admiration held by the people of the Portland Area for this

great and good man, and our sense of sincere sorrow at his death.

In the brief space of his residence in our Area, Bishop Brown made an impression on our people that will abide forever. His genuineness, his brotherliness, his interest in our affairs, his indefatigable energy, his sacrificial spirit, thrust him up among us, as a true man of God and a real Bishop of our churches.

In his Presidency over our Conferences he exhibited an amazing interest in the very smallest appointment and the most obscure pastor, sometimes summoning the Cabinet at four or five in the morning to discuss some appointment where he feared an injustice might be done to some pastor or church. He might have been with us today had he not literally poured his life out in the glad abandon of a great service.

The Portland Area thanks God that it ever knew Bishop Wallace Brown.

CHARLES MACCAUGHEY, (Pacific Northwest Conference)

W. H. HERTZOG, (Idaho Conference),

SYDNEY W. HALL, (Oregon Conference).

IN MEMORIAM BISHOP E. S. JOHNSON

The Oregon Conference, through its delegates to this General Conference, bears testimony to the Christian character and sacrificial service of the late Bishop Eben S. Johnson, who, in retirement, made Portland, Oregon, his home. His body rests in Portland but his soul will go marching on through the Africa of his dreams and arduous labor.

SYDNEY W. HALL,
T. M. PHELPS,
BRUCE R. BAXTER,
ERNEST W. PETERSON.

Bishop E. B.
Johnson

2. Granted the privileges of the floor to Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to make a statement concerning the work of the Council. (DB-337.) For Samuel McCrea Cavert's address see page 793.

Samuel Mc-
Crea Cavert
Presented

3. That Bishop Ralph S. Cushman be recognized (DB-338) for a privileged announcement. Bishop Cushman presented George W. Crabbe (Baltimore) the General Secretary of the Anti-

G. W. Crabbe
Presented

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Saloon League of America, a member of the General Conference, who had been elected to this position on yesterday by the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

George W. Crabbe made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman, the fight against beverage alcohol is largely the Church's fight. We go forward just as fast and just as far as the Church wills. In God's name, men and women, let us get back into this fight. I ask you to stay with us in it."

Report
Adopted

The Report of the Committee was then adopted, by common consent, as a whole.

H. H. Crane

Bishop Richardson stated the next matter of business would be the hearing of Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) as recommended by the Sifting Committee on yesterday. Bishop Richardson briefly outlined the parliamentary situation.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) requested common consent to withdraw (DB-339) that part of his motion of yesterday which limited Leslie J. Lyons to five minutes in his reply to Henry Hitt Crane. The Conference, by common consent, granted this request.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) requested common consent to withdraw his amendment (DB-340) limiting Leslie J. Lyons to fifteen minutes in his reply to Henry Hitt Crane. The Conference, by common consent, granted this request.

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference, be given the privilege of the floor to reply to the statement of Henry Hitt Crane, and that this would end the matter.

H. H. Crane
Speaks

Henry Hitt Crane (Detroit) completed reading his written statement. (DB-341.) For Henry

Hitt Crane's statement see *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 183, 328, and 357.

Leslie J. Lyons (Southwest Missouri) replied in behalf of the Commission on Entertainment. For reply see *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 357, 358 and 359.

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 1, Committee on Missions and Church Extension (DB-342), Calendar No. 45 (DCA-222) Title: "Reference of Memorial 458," was presented by Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 599.

Report No. 2 of the same Committee (DB-343), Calendar No. 46 (DCA-222), Title: "Reference of Memorial 459," was presented by Roy L. Smith, Chairman, who called attention to typographical errors as follows:

1. In line two the word "of" should be "on" between the words "Committee" and "Missions."

2. In line five the word "and" should read "on" between the words "Conference Commission" and "Central Conferences."

The Report, on motion of Roy L. Smith, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 599.

Report No. 9, Committee on Education (DB-344), Calendar No. 47 (DCA-222 and 223), Title: "Division of Educational Institutions," was presented by Arlo A. Brown (Newark), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 520.

Report No. 11 of the same Committee (DB-345), Calendar No. 48 (DCA-223) Title: "Theological Schools," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 521.

Report No. 12 of the same Committee (DB-346), Calendar No. 49 (DCA-223) Title: "Com-

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L. J. Lyons
Speaks

Calendar

Report No. 1
Missions and
Church
Extension
Adopted

Report No. 2
Missions
and Church
Extension
Adopted

Report No. 9
Education
Adopted

Report No. 11
Education
Adopted

Report No. 12
Education
Adopted

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mission on Courses of Study," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 522.

Report No. 13
Education
Presented

Report No. 13 of the same Committee (DB-347), Calendar No. 50 (DCA-223) Title: "Admission on Trial," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who moved its adoption, and the motion was duly seconded. Arlo A. Brown called attention to an editorial change as follows: In Paragraph 334 as amended, take the sentence in lines twenty-four to thirty-two, inclusive, which reads as follows:

"Provided, further, that, under special conditions, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has graduated and received a degree from a non-accredited four-year college, and who has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved Theological School." Strike out the word "further" following the word "provided," at the beginning of the sentence, and place the sentence in line ten, following the words "the University Senate"; then in line ten insert the word "further" between the words "provided," and "that," at the end of the line.

W. H. Stewart
Against
Report

William H. Stewart (New York East) spoke against the Report.

D. S. Curry
for Report

Daniel S. Curry (South Carolina) spoke for the Report.

J. L. Clark
Moves to
Amend

James L. Clark (Kentucky) moved to amend (DB-348) by striking out beginning in line twenty-nine of amended Paragraph 334 the following words, "and who has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved Theological School." The motion being duly seconded, James L. Clark spoke to the same.

A. F. Hughes
Against
Amendment

Alfred F. Hughes (West Wisconsin) spoke against the amendment and in favor of the Report.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Okey J. Carder (Missouri) moved (DB-349) the previous question. The motion, duly seconded,

prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Arlo A. Brown closed the debate. The motion of James L. Clark to amend did not prevail. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 522.

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-350) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop A. Frank Smith as the Presiding Officer for the afternoon session of the General Conference, May 3, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Various announcements were made and the Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Bishop Richardson called the Conference to order at 10:40 A.M. Dr. James R. Houghton, at the request of Bishop William F. Anderson, sang "On the Road to Mandalay."

The Secretary called attention to the fact that Memorials from the Southern California-Arizona Conference had just reached his desk, due to unavoidable delays, and that the time for the reception of Memorials had closed by Conference action. Motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) (DB-351) duly seconded, prevailed that the Memorials be received and referred to appropriate Committees.

The Order of the Day, the consideration of Reports No. 1 and 2 of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, was taken up.

Motion of Carl H. Fowler (New York), duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of these Reports. (DB-352).

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) Secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, presented Report 1 (DB-350A) of the Commission, (DCA-286 and 287), and W. F. Bryan (Texas) Vice-President of the Commis-

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A. A. Brown
Closes
Debate

Amendment
Lost Report
Adopted

Report
Committee
Presiding
Officers
Adopted

Recess

Reconvene

J. R. Hough-
ton Sings

Memorials
from
Southern
California-
Arizona
Conference
Referred

Order of Day
Taken Up

Rules
Suspended

Report No. 1
World Serv-
ice and
Finance
Presented

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sion requested that Orrin W. Auman (Colorado) Treasurer of the Commission; J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania); and Harry S. DeVore Chairman of one of the Sub-Committees, who prepared one of the Reports, be permitted to come to the patform to help in the presentation of the Reports. By common consent of the Conference the request was granted.

C. J. Harrell
Explains
Report

Costen J. Harrell, explained Section I, and called attention to two typographical errors (DB-353) as follows: page 287 DCA, column one, delete lines seven and eight, as they are a repetition of lines nine and ten; insert "Board of Pensions (Illinois) 1.3 per cent" inadvertently omitted by the typist, between lines five and six. By common consent, the Conference, accepted these corrections.

N. B. Har-
mon, Jr.,
Raises
Question

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia) raised the question as to whether the amount apportioned for the Commission on Courses of Study would be sufficient, since the membership of the Commission had been enlarged. Costen J. Harrell replied that he could not answer whether it would be large enough for the work of the enlarged Commission.

Section I
Adopted

Section I was adopted by the vote of the Conference.

Section II
Adopted

Section II was explained by Costen J. Harrell, and adopted, by the vote of the Conference.

Section III was explained by Costen J. Harrell, who read item 3 of this Section. Charles MacCaughey (Pacific Northwest) raised the question as to whether the principle of self-determination on the part of the local charge had been preserved, Costen J. Harrell answered that it had.

Section III
Adopted

Item III was then adopted by the Conference. The Report was then adopted as a whole by the vote of the Conference. For Report see page 716.

Report
Adopted

Limit on
Expenses

On motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central

Pennsylvania), duly seconded, the following (DB-354) was adopted:

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"I move that a limit be fixed by the General Conference to the amount that shall be allowed for the expenses of each Commission, Committee, Board of other agency whose expenses are to be provided from the General Administration Fund, and that in the event such a limit shall not have been fixed as above before the adjournment of this session of the General Conference, the Commission on World Service and Finance shall be and hereby is empowered to fix such limit."

Report No. 2 (DB-354A) of the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DCA-287, 288 and 289) was next presented.

Report No. 2
World
Service and
Finance

W. F. Bryan (Texas), Vice-President of the Commission, called attention to an omission of the printer of a short paragraph and asked common consent to insert it as follows (DB-355). Page 288 DCA, column three, immediately to follow the second paragraph at the top of the page, "Support for orphaned children of a General Superintendent shall be a matter to be settled by the Commission." The Conference, by common consent, granted the request.

Harry S. DeVore, at the request of W. F. Bryan, presented and explained the Report.

H. S. DeVore
Explains
Report

Luther W. Wells (Virginia) moved the adoption of the Report (DB-356) and the motion was duly seconded.

L. W. Wells
Moves to
Adopt

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to amend Section III, lines seven and nine, by striking out the word "assessment" and using the word "apportionment." (DB-357.) The amendment was accepted by W. F. Bryan for the Commission and with the consent of the Conference.

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend

Accepted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved to amend the paragraph at the top of page 288 DCA, by substituting "\$2,500" for "\$2,700." (DB-358.) The motion being duly seconded, A. Wesley Pugh spoke to the same.

A. W. Pugh
Moves to
Amend

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J. L. Harman
Against
AmendmentPrevious
Question
OrderedH. S. DeVore
Closes
DebateFred D. Stone
Asks
Question

J. Lewie Harman (Louisville) spoke against the amendment.

G. Ellis Williams (Baltimore) moved the previous question on the whole matter. (DB-359.) The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Harry S. DeVore, representing the Commission, closed the debate.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) inquired as a matter of information what allowance was granted a retired Bishop in the Southern branch of the Church; that \$2,500 was the allowance in the Northern branch at the present time. Harry S. DeVore stated that \$2,700 was allowed in the Southern branch.

A. W. Pugh
on Point of
OrderPoint Not
Sustained

A. Wesley Pugh raised a point of order that this was an argument.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken, on the ground that it was simply a question, and not an argument.

The vote was taken on the Pugh amendment, and it did not prevail.

Count Vote
Not Ordered

A. Wesley Pugh called for a count vote. The call was not sustained by one-fifth of the Conference, and the count vote was not ordered.

Report
AdoptedFuture
Benevolence
Funds

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 718.

On motion of Karl K. Quimby (Newark), duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-360) was adopted:

In view of the confusion and uncertainty arising from the different methods of securing and allocating Benevolence Funds which have prevailed in the three uniting Churches, and in order to have an intelligent basis for determining a practical and equitable plan for the future, I move that the General Commission on World Service and Finance be authorized and instructed to arrange for a scientific, factual study of the Benevolence giving of the Church for General, Annual Conference and other Benevolences; the causes, agencies, and institutions receiving support from such funds and the amounts given

to each; and all other data necessary for formulating a practical Benevolence Program for the Church and a plan for equitable distribution of Benevolence Funds.

The results of this study shall be presented to the next General Conference by the General Commission on World Service and Finance together with its recommendations for a Benevolence Program for the whole Church.

The Calendar was taken up.

On motion of George W. Henson (DB-361) (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the Rules were suspended to take up Calendar No. 141.

Report No. 8, Committee on Conferences, (DB-362), Calendar No. 141 (DCA-293 and 294), Title: "Commission on Central Conferences," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, who requested Lewis O. Hartman (New England) to be in charge of the Report.

Lewis O. Hartman moved the adoption (DB-363) of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, Lewis O. Hartman explained the provisions of the Report.

Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, spoke to the Report.

Ebenezer Ahmad Shah (Lucknow) spoke in favor of the Report.

Ongole Joshua (Hyderabad) spoke to the Report.

Warren Roberts (South Georgia) moved the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Lewis O. Hartman made the closing statement. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 488.

Report No. 7, Committee on the State of the Church, (DB-365), Calendar No. 51 (DCA-247) Title: "Lord's Day Observance," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, who moved its adoption (DB-366). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 663.

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Calendar
Rules
Suspended

Report No. 8
Conferences
Presented by
L. O. Hart-
man

R. E. Diffen-
dorfer
Speaks to
Report

E. A. Shah
for Report

Ongole Joshua
Speaks

Previous
Question
Ordered

Report
Adopted

Report No. 7
State of
the Church
Adopted

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Report No. 7
Ministry
Presented

Report No. 7, Committee on Ministry (DB-367), Calendar No. 52 (DCA-247) Title: "Accepted Supply Pastors," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman of the Committee, who asked common consent to also include Paragraph 534, article 2, which had inadvertently been omitted in the copying of the Report, and which referred to the same subject. The Conference, by common consent, granted the request. Orien W. Fifer then moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was duly seconded.

T. S. Brock
Moves to
Amend

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) moved to amend as follows:

Amend paragraph 293, article 1, by adding the following words: "An Accepted Supply Pastor is the local preacher employed as the pastor in charge and giving full-time service. He must have his character, fitness, training and effectiveness passed and accepted as a Supply Pastor by a majority vote of the District Conference and Annual Conference after reference to and recommendation of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors. No new name shall be placed on the list of Accepted Supply Pastors who has reached the age of fifty."

The motion being duly seconded, Thomas S. Brock spoke to the same.

G. W. Henson
Raises
Point of
Order

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) called attention to the fact that we were considering Paragraph 531 and that Thomas S. Brock's amendment related to Paragraph 293.

Amendment
Out of Order

Bishop Richardson ruled that the amendment of T. S. Brock was not properly before the Conference at this time.

L. R. Burgum
Moves to
Amend

Leslie R. Burgum (North Dakota) moved to amend the term "Conference Relations group" to read "Conference Relations Committee." (DB-368.) The amendment was accepted by the Chairman for the Committee, and with the consent of the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 593.

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) moved that his proposed amendment be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of tomorrow and that action on it be taken at that time. (DB-369.) The motion was duly seconded.

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Move to Print
Amendment

Thomas E. Colley (Erie) spoke to the motion.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend (DB-370) by referring the matter to the Committee on Ministry. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

T. E. Colley
Speaks
Referred to
Committee
on Ministry

Report No. 8, Committee on Ministry (DB-371), Calendar No. 53 (DCA-247) Title: "Terms of District Superintendents," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, who moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, O. W. Fifer spoke to the Report.

Report No. 8
Ministry
Presented

Clinton D. Baldwin (Maine) moved to amend (DB-372) by adding after the words "not included in Central Conferences" in black face type, lines nine and ten of the second paragraph, the following "provided, that during this quadrennium this rule shall not apply to appointment of a District Superintendent in the Finland, the Finland-Swedish, or the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conferences," and adding the word "further" after the word "provided" in the tenth line of the same second paragraph. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

C. D. Baldwin
Moves to
Amend

The Report, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 593.

Amended
Report
Adopted

Report No. 8, Committee on the State of the Church (DB-373), Calendar No. 54 (DCA-247), Title: "Amusements," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 664.

Report No. 8
State of the
Church
Adopted

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-374), Calendar No. 55 (DCA-247 and 248), Title: "Temperance," was presented by Ernest F. Tit-

Report No. 5
Same
Committee
Adopted

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Amendment of
A. W. Pugh

tle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 661.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) was recognized and stated that he had an amendment, germane to the matter under consideration and that he would like to move it to Calendar No. 43, Title "Temperance," adopted yesterday, and requested common consent of the Conference to present his amendment. Common consent was granted and A. W. Pugh spoke to his motion.

Motion to
Reconsider
Voted
Down

Chester A. Smith (New York) moved that the Conference reconsider (DB-375) its action of yesterday in adopting Report No. 4 of the Committee on the State of the Church, in order that the amendment of A. Wesley Pugh might be added. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

Bishop Richardson stated it was now twelve o'clock and there were a few items of miscellaneous business that could be disposed of at this time, unless the Conference desired to continue the Calendar.

Motion to
Continue

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) moved (DB-376) that we proceed with the Calendar. The motion was duly seconded.

Ernest W. Robinson (Maine) raised the point of order that Arthur A. Callaghan had the floor before Nathan Newby was recognized.

The Chair ruled that A. A. Callaghan was not in order under the Calendar and that we were still under the Calendar.

Calendar
Resumed

The motion to proceed with the Calendar prevailed.

Rules
Suspended

Gurney P. Hood (North Carolina) was recognized for a privileged matter, and requested a suspension of the Rules to present a Resolution to be referred to a Committee which holds its last meeting this afternoon. The Conference, by common consent, suspended the Rules and the following

paper (DB-378), on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy:

A Resolution to Amend Paragraph 1196 of the *Discipline of The Methodist Church*:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That paragraph 1196 shall be stricken out and a new paragraph 1196 shall be adopted to read:

Par. 1196. That Executive Secretary shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Temperance, and shall be ex-officio a member of the Board and its Executive Officer. In the event of his death or resignation, the Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy.

GURNEY P. HOOD,
PAUL N. GARBER,
W. P. FEW,
NATHAN NEWBY,
ERNEST F. TITTLE,
JNO. F. BAGGETT.

Bishop John M. Moore was recognized for a matter of high privilege for the Conference, and announced that news had just been received of the death of Bishop J. W. Tarboux at his home in Florida. Bishop Tarboux was the first Bishop elected by the Methodist Church of Brazil.

Motion of Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), duly seconded, prevailed (DB-379) that a suitable letter of condolence be sent the family of Bishop Tarboux by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Council of Bishops.

Report No. 6, Committee on Conference Claimants (DB-380), Calendar No. 56 (DCA-248), Title: "Commission on Pension Legislation," was presented by Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion being duly seconded, Thomas S. Brock spoke to the Report.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved to amend (DB-381) as follows: Strike out the words "In Particular" at the beginning of the third paragraph; in Item 2 strike out the words "temporarily" and "prior to the General Conference of 1944,

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Resolution G.
P. Hood
Adopted

Death of
Bishop
Tarboux
Announced

Message of
Sympathy
Ordered

Report No. 6
Conference
Claimants
Presented

B. W. Meeks
Moves to
Amend

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F. G. H.
Stevens
Against
Amending

Previous
Question
Ordered

Amendments
Lost

Report
Adopted

Miscellaneous
Matters

Trustees of
the Church

in the territory of any Jurisdictional Conference." The motion being duly seconded, Benjamin W. Meeks spoke to the amendment.

Frank G. H. Stevens (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against the amendments.

Fred G. Rauschkolb (Southern Illinois) moved (DB-382) the previous question. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Thomas S. Brock closed the debate.

The amendments of Benjamin W. Meeks were not adopted. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 479.

Motion of Elmer E. Collins (Montana), (DB-383), duly seconded, prevailed, that we dispense with the call of the Calendar in order that the Chair may present miscellaneous matters, hear the necessary announcements and adjourn.

Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine) presented the following (DB-384) and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted:

Election of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Members of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Be it enacted that the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to nominate for election at the General Conference of 1940 the Trustees of the incorporated Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church located at Cincinnati, Ohio, to fill vacancies in said Board of Trustees and also to nominate for election the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as may be needed to fill vacancies in said Board and also to nominate for election the members of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church to fill vacancies in said Executive Committee.

A. A. CALLAGHAN, *Chairman*,
D. STEWART PATTERSON, *Secretary*.
Committee on Enabling Acts.

Fewer Meet-
ings Planned

Henry T. Freeman (South Georgia) presented the following (DB-385) and moved its adoption.

The past two years have been years of a multitude of regular and extra Conferences and meetings. Many of these have been made necessary by the process of uniting the three great branches of American Methodism. In the Southern Section of the Church there soon will have been two General Conferences, a Uniting Conference and a Jurisdictional Conference within two years time, and throughout the Church there have been during the same time many extra Regional, Conference and District meetings.

These meetings have served many good purposes, but have laid heavy demands upon the energies and resources of our people.

Therefore, we request all administrative officers of the Church to greatly restrict the number of General, Regional, Conference and District meetings during the ensuing quadrennium;

That, as far as possible, we spend less time and energy in going to and fro in order that we may spend more time and energy in going on to perfection; and

That we adopt as the motto for the local Church program for the quadrennium:

"Soldiers of Christ arise,
And press with vigor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son."

H. T. FREEMAN,
C. L. SHEPHERD,
CHAS. M. MEEKS,
SILAS JOHNSON,
WARREN ROBERTS,
R. S. WIMBERLY,
T. D. ELLIS.

The motion to adopt being duly seconded, Henry T. Freeman spoke to the motion.

Frank P. Culver (Central Texas) moved to lay the Resolution on the table (DB-386) and the motion was duly seconded. The motion to lay on the table did not prevail. The Resolution was adopted.

Various announcements were made.

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Frederick T. Keeney.

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Fewer Meetings Planned

Motion to Lay
on Table
Lost

Resolution
Adopted

Benediction by
Bishop
Keeney

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened at 2:30 P.M., Friday, May 3, 1940 with Bishop A. Frank Smith in the Chair.

Devotions

James R. Houghton announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 278, "Lead On O King Eternal," after which Bishop J. Lloyd Decell led in prayer.

No Journal
Report

The Committee on Journal announced they would report tomorrow morning for the sessions of today.

Report of
Committee
on Presid-
ing Officers
Adopted

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-387) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Robert E. Jones as the Presiding Officer for tonight's session of the General Conference, May 3, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Message from
Bishop
Chung

The Secretary read the following wireless message (DB-388) from Bishop Chung of the Methodist Church of Korea:

RADP 7 11 WIRELESS-F KEIJO 3 245P
General Conference,
Atlantic City, N. J. (VIAMACKAYRADIO)—
GREETINGS SECOND CORINTHIANS LAST TWO
VERSES CHUNG.

By common consent, the Conference referred the communication to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

Calendar

The Calendar was taken up, and Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Report No. 14, Committee on Education, Calendar No. 57 was the next Report for consideration.

Rules
Suspended

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) moved a suspension

of the Rules (DB-389) in order to take up Report No. 33 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 90. The motion being duly seconded, Arlo A. Brown spoke to the same. The Rules were suspended by the vote of the Conference.

Motion of Arlo A. Brown, duly seconded, prevailed that we now take up Report No. 33 of the Committee on Education, Calendar No. 90 (DCA-254) Title: "Youth Program." Arlo A. Brown requested that Paul W. Quillian (Texas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, present the Report.

Paul W. Quillian moved the adoption of the Report (DB-391). The motion being duly seconded, Paul W. Quillian spoke to the Report, and asked common consent to make the following editorial correction: In the Footnote for the new *Discipline*, line two, insert after the words "on the 1940-44" the following, "Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference," and make the word "Board" to read "Boards." (DB-392.) The Conference, by common consent, agreed to the correction.

John Q. Schisler (North Arkansas) called attention to a typographical error in the seventh paragraph, 254, Column two, last line of the paragraph. By common consent the word "one" was inserted between the words "elected" and "from," so that the line will read "delegates elected, one from each Jurisdiction."

Oscar T. Olson (North-East Ohio) inquired if provision had been made in the *Discipline* for the continuance of the Youth Organizations? Paul W. Quillian replied that the provision would be found in Paragraph 1140.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 530.

Report No. 14, Committee on Education (DB-393), Calendar No. 57 (DCA-248) Title: "Youth Crusade," was presented by Paul W. Quillian, Vice-Chairman, who moved its adoption, and re-

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Report No. 33
Education
Presented

P. W. Quillian
Speaks to
Report

J. Q. Schisler
Speaks to
Report

O. T. Olson
Asks
Question

Report
Adopted

Report No. 14
Education
Adopted

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G. R. Jordan
Speaks to
ReportReport No. 16
Education
WithdrawnBishop C. L.
MeadReport No. 3
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ministration
AdoptedReport No. 1
Conferences
AdoptedReport No. 2
Conferences
PresentedD. L. Marsh
Moves to
AmendAmendment
AcceptedReport
Adopted

questioned that G. Ray Jordan speak to the Report. The motion was duly seconded and G. Ray Jordan (Western North Carolina) spoke to the Report.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 523.

With the consent of the Conference, the Committee on Education withdrew Report No. 16, Calendar No. 58 (DCA-248). Title: "Youth Representation in Ecumenical Conference," because it was a reference between Inter-Committees of the General Conference.

Bishop Charles L. Mead was recognized for a privileged statement and stated that it was due to a misunderstanding that he was not present this morning to conduct the devotions.

Report No. 3, Committee on Judicial Administration (DB-394), Calendar No. 59 (DCA-249) Title: "Appeal of a Traveling Preacher," was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 567.

Report No. 1, Committee on Conferences (DB-395), Calendar No. 60 (DCA-249) Title: "Dissolving of Central Northwest Conference," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 486.

Report No. 2, Committee on Conferences (DB-396), Calendar No. 61 (DCA-249) Title: "Historical Societies and Archives," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, who moved its adoption.

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved to amend by striking out (DB-397) the words "and its work approved" in lines six and seven, Section 2. The motion was duly seconded. George W. Henson, with the consent of the Committee, and of the Conference, accepted the amendment. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 486

Report No. 3, Committee on Conferences (DB-398), Calendar No. 62 (DCA-249) Title: "Change of Name of 'Mission Conference,'" was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For Report see page 486.

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Report No. 4, Committee on Conferences (DB-399), Calendar No. 63 (DCA-249) Title: "Revise Paragraph 501, Article 1," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 487.

Report No. 4
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 5, Committee on Conferences (DB-400), Calendar No. 64 (DCA-249) Title: "Organization of Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference Into an Annual Conference," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 487.

Report No. 5
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 6, Committee on Conferences (DB-401), Calendar No. 65 (DCA-249) Title: "Enabling Act Granting the Continuance of the East German Annual Conference," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 487.

Report No. 6
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 7, Committee on Conferences (DB-402), Calendar No. 66 (DCA-249 and 250) Title: "Enabling Act For the Continuance of Norwegian-Danish Conference," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 488.

Report No. 7
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 9, Committee on Ministry (DB-403), Calendar No. 67 (DCA-250.) Title: "License to Preach," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 594.

Report No. 9
Ministry
Adopted

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- Report No. 10
 Ministry
 Adopted
- Report No. 10, Committee on Ministry (DB-404), Calendar No. 68 (DCA-250.) Title: "Questions Relative to Admission into an Annual Conference," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 594.
- O. T. Olsen
 Moves Ref-
 erence of
 ¶ 218
- Oscar T. Olsen (North-East Ohio) moved (DB-405) Paragraph 218 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church be continued in effect during the quadrennium of 1940-1944, but that it be referred to the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship, to study and for a Report to the 1944 General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.
- Nathan Newby
 on Point of
 Order
- Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) raised the point of order that Paragraph 218 was not under discussion at all, and therefore the motion of Oscar T. Olsen was out of order.
- D. L. Marsh
 Moves to
 Amend
- Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved (DB-406) to amend that without any reference to Paragraph 218 the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship be authorized to study during the quadrennium, the Ritual for the Reception of Preachers into the Conference.
- N. B. Har-
 mon, Jr., on
 Point of
 Order
- Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia) raised the point of order that the Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship as established, has full power to take under advisement all the Service Books of the Church, including the material in Paragraph 218, and therefore all this discussion is out of order.
- Point
 Sustained
- Report No. 11
 Ministry
 Presented
- The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.
- Report No. 11, Committee on Ministry (DB-408), Calendar No. 69 (DCA-250) Title: "Retirement Age for Ministers," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Thomas D. Ellis (South Georgia).

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) spoke against the Report.

Edward M. Jones (Central Alabama) moved to amend, but the Chair ruled that some one desiring to speak for the Report was entitled to the floor at this time.

J. Manning Potts (Virginia) raised the point of order (DB-409) that a delegate had the right to offer an amendment. The Chair ruled that a delegate certainly had that right, but at the proper time; that an amendment was of the nature of being opposed to the Report as presented, and that the previous speaker had spoken against the Report.

Alfred F. Hughes (West Wisconsin) raised the question of constitutionality based on Paragraph 22, page 26, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which states that the Annual Conference shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all matters relating to the Conference relations of its ministerial members (DB-410).

The Chair ruled that according to Paragraph 8, Article IV, Section 3 which states the General Conference is "To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, etc." this body is within its powers in defining the duties of Annual Conferences in this provision.

Harry G. Ryan (North Texas) spoke in favor of the Report.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised a point of order based on Paragraph 22 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. The Chair ruled the point not well taken in the light of Paragraph 8, Article IV, Section 3, of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) moved the reference of the matter to the Judicial Council and the motion was duly seconded. (DB-411.)

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the

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J. E. Skillington Against Report

E. M. Jones Moves to Amend

J. M. Potts on Point of Order

A. F. Hughes Raises Question on Constitutionality

Ruling of Bishop

H. G. Ryan for Report

J. E. Skillington on Point of Order

L. H. Hough Moves Reference

A. W. Pugh on Point of Order

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Point
Sustained

L. H. Hough
on Point of
Order

point of order that the Conference had not acted on the Report, hence there were no grounds for an appeal to the Judicial Council at this time.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) raised the point of order that the only motion in order was an appeal to the Judicial Council, from the decision of the Chair on his ruling that a point of order raised concerning the constitutionality of the Report was not well taken.

Point Not
Sustained

The Chair ruled the point of order not sustained because the Conference had taken no action on the Report, and hence there was nothing to present to the Judicial Council at this time.

E. M. Jones
Moves to
Amend

Edward M. Jones (Central Alabama) moved to amend (DB-413) by substituting "1944" for "1942." The motion being duly seconded, Edward M. Jones spoke to the motion.

Previous
Question
Ordered

G. Ellis Williams (Baltimore) moved (DB-414) the previous question on all that was before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

O. W. Fifer
Closes

Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, closed the debate.

W. H. Stewart
Asks Question as to
Legality of
Jones' Amendment

William H. Stewart (New York East) asked for a ruling as to the legality of the amendment on the following grounds:

"The amendment says it shall go into effect in the year 1944. There are a number of Annual Conferences which will meet immediately after the General Conference of 1944. We are legislating in the amendment for the next quadrennium. Is it legal for us to do that at this General Conference?"

Amendment
Out of
Order

The Chair supported the point raised, and ruled the amendment in its present form out of order.

Report
Adopted

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 595.

F. C. Probert
Moves
Appeal to
Judicial
Council

Frank C. Probert (New Jersey) moved (DB-415) that an appeal be taken to the Judicial Council on the question of the constitutionality of the

legislation just enacted, in the adoption of Report No. 11 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 69 (DCA-250). The motion was duly seconded.

Fred B. Noble (Florida) raised a point of order (DB-416) that the Judicial Council has no power to hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's decision on a question of law made in the General Conference.

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F. B. Noble
on Point of
Order

The Chair ruled the point not well taken on the ground that the Chair had not passed upon the constitutionality of the question before the Conference.

Point Not
Sustained

Paul G. James (Iowa-Des Moines) raised a point of order (DB-417) that in the light of Paragraph 22, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, laymen had no right to vote on this question; that laymen had voted on it; that he desired it to be made a matter of record, so that the action of the laymen in voting on the Report might be passed on by the Judicial Council.

P. G. James
on Point of
Order

Bishop A. Frank Smith ruled the point not well taken, on the ground that the General Conference has the right to appeal on the legality of its own enactments, and that the matter referred to by Paul G. James was a different matter altogether, having reference to Annual Conference procedure.

Not Sustained

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona) raised the point (DB-418) that it required more than one-fifth of those present and voting to sustain an appeal to the Judicial Council.

Nathan Newby
on Point of
Order

The vote was taken and Bishop A. Frank Smith stated that an appeal had been taken to the Judicial Council, by at least ninety per cent of the members of the General Conference present and voting, on the question of the constitutionality of the legislation enacted in the adoption of Report No. 11 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 69 (DCA-250).

Appeal to
Judicial
Council
Taken

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Motion to
Adjourn
Benediction by
Bishop A.
Frank
Smith

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed, that after the necessary announcements, the Conference adjourn.

Various announcements were made.

The Conference joined in singing the Doxology, and adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

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EVENING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened at 7:30 P.M., Friday, May 3, 1940 with Bishop Robert E. Jones in the Chair.

James R. Houghton announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn 283, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," after which Bishop J. Lloyd Decell led in prayer.

By common consent, the Report of the Committee on Journal, was not called for at this time.

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-419) was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Edgar Blake as Presiding Officer for the next session of this General Conference on Saturday morning, May 4, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*,

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Calendar
Report No. 12
Ministry
Adopted

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 12, Committee on Ministry (DB-420), Calendar No. 70 (DCA-250) Title: "Courses of Study for Supply Pastors," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 595.

Report No. 13
Ministry
with Minor-
ity Report
Presented

Report No. 13, Committee on Ministry (DB-421), Calendar No. 71 (DCA-250) Title: "Supervision of Chaplains," with a Minority Report attached, was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chair-

man, who moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, Orien W. Fifer, spoke to the Report, and stated that Donald Timmerman (Ohio) would present the Minority Report.

Donald Timmerman (Ohio) presented the Minority Report, and moved (DB-422) that it be substituted for the Report of the Committee. The motion being duly seconded, Donald Timmerman spoke to the pending question.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) spoke against the Minority Report.

Alfred P. Coman (Central New York) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

W. L. Cash (Louisville) moved (DB-423) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Donald Timmerman closed the debate for the Minority Report and Orien W. Fifer closed the debate for the Report of the Committee.

The Minority Report was not adopted. The Report of the Committee was adopted. For Report see page 595.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Calendar No. 72 and 73 were Non-concurrent Reports and would not be taken up at this time.

Report No. 7, Committee on Conference Claimants (DB-424), Calendar No. 74 (DCA-251) Title: "Prior Service Years," was presented by Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 480.

Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-425), Calendar No. 75 (DCA-251) Title: "Conference Claimants in Missions," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and on his motion was adopted. For Report see page 481.

Report No. 9 of the same Committee (DB-426),

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Donald Timmerman Presents Minority Report

H. P. Sloan Against Minority

A. P. Coman for Minority

Previous Question Ordered

Debate Closed

Minority Report Lost

Report Adopted

Non-Concurrent Reports

Report No. 7 Conference Claimants Adopted

Report No. 8 Same Committee Adopted

Report No. 9 Same Committee Adopted

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Calendar No. 76 (DCA-251) Title: "Memorial Concerning Chartered Fund," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 482.

Report No. 10
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-427), Calendar No. 77 (DCA-251) Title: "Unpaid Assessments," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 482.

Editorial
Change
Ordered

Thomas S. Brock, Chairman of the Committee on Conference Claimants, called attention to an editorial change that needed to be made in Item 4 of Paragraph 1339 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and moved (DB-428) that on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Claimants the word "preceeding" in the last line of the Item be changed to the word "current." The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 11
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 11 of the same Committee (DB-429), Calendar No. 78 (DCA-251) Title: "Conference Treasurer's Report," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 482.

Report No. 12
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 12 of the same Committee (DB-430), Calendar No. 79 (DCA-251 and 252) Title: "Collection of Unpaid Assessments," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 483.

Report No. 13
Same
Committee
Presented

Report No. 13 of the same Committee (DB-431), Calendar No. 80 (DCA-252) Title: "Concurrent Annuity," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

A. W. Pugh
Asks
Question

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the question (DB-432) as to where this provision would appear in the *Discipline* and whether it

should not cover both the Illinois and the Missouri Corporations?

Thomas A. Stafford (Northern Minnesota) moved to amend by making the provision applicable (DB-433) to the Rules and Regulations of the Missouri Corporation, as well as the Illinois Corporation. The motion was duly seconded.

Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, accepted the amendment for the Committee, there being no objection raised either by any member of the Committee or of the Conference.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 483.

Report No. 14 of the same Committee (DB-434), Calendar No. 81 (DCA-252) Title: "Annuity Contracts," was presented by Thomas S. Brock, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 483.

Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman of the Committee on Ministry, at the request of the Committee asked unanimous consent (DB-434 A) of the Conference to have Report No. 16 of the Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 118 (DCA-290) returned to the Committee for further consideration. The Conference, by common consent, unanimously granted the request.

Edgar R. Heckman (Central Pennsylvania), Calendar Secretary, announced that Report No. 15 of the Committee on Conference Claimants, Calendar No. 82 (DCA-252) recommended Non-concurrence and that Calendar No. 83 Committee on Education, would now be taken up, with Arlo A. Brown presenting the Report.

Arlo A. Brown (Newark), Chairman of the Committee on Education, moved that the Rules be suspended (DB-435) in order to take up Report No. 40 of the Committee on Education at this time. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Motion of Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, duly sec-

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T. A. Stafford
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

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Adopted

Report No. 14
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 16
Ministry
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rent Report

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Suspended

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Report No. 40
Education
Presented

onded, prevailed that Calendar No. 98 be now taken up before Calendar No. 83.

Report No. 40 of the Committee on Education (DB-436), Calendar No. 98 (DCA-256) Title: "Enabling Act for the Administration of the Work of The Board of Education," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who called attention to the following typographical omissions:

1. In the second paragraph of Paragraph 1638, insert after the word "budget" in the second line "for the Board of Education, which budget"

2. After the word "amended" in line four insert "or revised by the Board of Education";

3. Strike out lines five and six of the same second paragraph. The corrected paragraph will then read:

"The Joint Committee on Christian Education may adopt a provisional budget for the Board of Education, which budget may be operative from and after June 1, 1940, and until the same shall be amended or revised by the Board of Education; The remainder of the paragraph to read as printed.

Report
Adopted

On motion of Arlo A. Brown, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see page 533.

J. Emerson
Ford Pre-
sents Rep-
orts

Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, requested that J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Local Church of the Committee on Education, present Calendar Reports 83 to 87 inclusive.

Report No. 17
Education
Presented

Report No. 17, Committee on Education (DB-437), Calendar No. 83 (DCA-252) Title: "Committee on Co-operation With The Board of Lay Activities," was presented by J. Emerson Ford, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

G. L. Morelock
Moves to
Amend

George L. Morelock (Memphis) moved to amend by substituting the word "three" for the word "four," and the word "one" for the word

"two" in the first line of column three, page 252 DCA. J. Emerson Ford, with the approval of the Committee, and the common consent of the Conference, accepted the proposed amendment.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 524.

Report No. 18, Committee on Education (DB-439), Calendar No. 84 (DCA-252) Title: "Young Adults," was presented by J. Emerson Ford, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 524.

Report No. 19, Committee on Education (DB-440), Calendar No. 85 (DCA-252) Title: "Church Council of Methodist Youth," was presented by J. Emerson Ford, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 524.

Report No. 20, Committee on Education (DB-441), Calendar No. 86 (DCA-252 and 253) Title: "Church School," was presented by J. Emerson Ford, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 525.

Report No. 30, Committee on Education Calendar No. 87 (DCA-253) Title: "Section of Episcopal Address Dealing With Adult Education," was presented by J. Emerson Ford, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 527.

Report No. 31, Committee on Education (DB-442), Calendar No. 88 (DCA-253) Title: "Organization," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 527.

Report No. 32, Committee on Education (DB-443), Calendar No. 89 (DCA-253 and 254) Title: "Town and Country Work," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who called attention to the following amendment (DB-444): at the bottom of column 2, page 253 (DCA) strike out the last line reading "(1) There shall be set up in

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Amendment
Accepted

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Education
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Report No. 30
Education
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Report No. 31
Education
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each Annual," and the word "Conference" in the beginning of the first line of column three, page 253 (DCA) and insert the following: "(1) Annual Conferences which may elect to do so may set up in each Annual Conference," the rest of the paragraph to remain as printed; also that a line had inadvertently been dropped out at the bottom of column three, page 253 (DCA) between lines five and six, reading from the bottom up, which reads as follows: "5. In Paragraph 1047 and second Para" Arlo A. Brown moved the adoption of the Report and the motion was duly seconded.

L. A. Welliver
Speaks to
Report

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania) called attention to a typographical error in line four, second column, page 253 (DCA) and asked if the word "Superintendent" should not read "Superintendents?" Arlo A. Brown stated it was simply a typographical error, and should read "Superintendents." The Report was adopted. For Report see page 527.

Report
Adopted

Report No. 9
State of the
Church

Report No. 9, Committee on State of the Church (DB-446), Calendar No. 91 (DCA-254 and 255) Title: "Peace," with a Minority Report (DCA-300) was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, who suggested that the Report be read, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

H. P. Sloan
Moves It Be
Read

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) moved (DB-447) that the Report be read, and the motion was duly seconded.

G. W. Crabbe
Raises
Question

George W. Crabbe (Baltimore) raised the question if the entire Report (DB-448) was to be read or just the Minority Report.

Reading
Ordered by
a Count
Vote

Harold Paul Sloan answered the entire Report. By a count vote of 370 for, to 275 against, the Conference ordered the reading of the Report.

A. M. Wells
Moves to
Defer Until
Tomorrow

Arthur M. Wells (Illinois) moved (DB-449) that the reading of, and action on, the Report be

deferred until tomorrow morning. The motion was duly seconded.

On motion of James A. Perry (Troy) (DB-450), duly seconded, the motion to defer was laid on the table.

Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, commenced reading the Report. The time of the previously ordered adjournment nearing, motion of G. Ellis Williams (DB-451) (Baltimore), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time of this session.

Ernest F. Tittle completed the reading of the Report of the Committee.

Leslie R. Burgum (North Dakota) raised the point of order (DB-452) that it would require a suspension of the Rules to consider the Minority Report, which had just been printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today. The Chair ruled the point well taken.

Motion of Chester A. Smith (DB-453) (New York), duly seconded, prevailed, by more than the two-thirds vote, that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of the Minority Report (DCA-300), attached to Report No. 9 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 91.

William P. King (North Georgia) moved (DB-454) that Fred B. Noble, in presenting the Minority Report, briefly point out the difference between the Minority and Majority Reports. The Conference, by common consent, requested that this be done.

Fred B. Noble (Florida) moved (DB-455) to substitute the Minority Report (DCA-300) for Report No. 9 of the Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 91 just presented to the Conference. The motion, being duly seconded, Fred B. Noble spoke to the motion to substitute.

G. Barney Thompson (Indus River) spoke against the Minority Report.

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Motion Laid
on Table

E. F. Tittle
Reads

Time Extended

L. R. Burgum
on Point of
Order

Point
Sustained

Rules
Suspended

F. B. Noble
Presents
Minority
Report

F. B. Noble
Moves to
Substitute

G. B. Thompson
Against
Minority

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L. H. Hough
for
Minority

L. J. Rad-
cliffe
Against
Minority

Previous
Question
Moved

J. E. Skillington on
Point of
Order

E. J. Kulp on
Point of
Order

Previous
Question
on
Substitute

H. P. Sloan
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

H. P. Sloan
Moves to
Amend

Lynn Harold Hough (New York East) spoke in favor of the Minority Report.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) spoke against the Minority Report.

Clarence M. Dannelly (Alabama) moved the previous question (DB-456) on all before the Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order (DB-457) that Rule 19 required the main question to be completed before the substitute could be put, and that under the call for the previous question *on all before* the Conference, this could not be done.

Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) raised the point of order that we could proceed under the motion for the previous question; perfect the main question but without debate of any kind; then vote on the substitute, which if adopted becomes the main question; if the substitute is not adopted, the vote then is taken upon the main question.

Clarence M. Dannelly, with the consent of his second, and of the Conference, changed his motion for the previous question to apply to the substitute only. The motion, being put to a vote, prevailed; and the previous question was ordered.

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) moved (DB-458) to amend Division II, page 255 (DCA) column 1, Item 3, by striking out, in lines nine and ten, the words "tariffs, currency, immigration, et cetera," and substituting therefore the words "certain matters of international concern." The amendment was duly seconded.

Ernest F. Tittle, with the consent of the Committee, and no objection being raised from the Conference, accepted the proposed amendment.

Harold Paul Sloan moved to amend (DB-458) the second paragraph in column two, page 255 (DCA) by inserting the word "aggressive" between the words "for" and "war" at the

end of the seventh line of the paragraph. The motion was duly seconded.

Harold Paul Sloan moved to further amend (DB-458) by placing a period (.) after the word "performed" in line twelve of paragraph five, column two, page 255 (RCA).

The motion was duly seconded, and Harold Paul Sloan spoke to the proposed amendment.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved the previous question (DB-459) on the Sloan amendments. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Arlo A. Brown (Newark) called for a division (DB-460) of the two amendments before the Conference. No objection was raised and the Conference, by common consent, ordered the division of the pending question.

Ernest F. Tittle spoke against the first proposed amendment of Harold Paul Sloan. The vote was taken on the amendment to insert the word "aggressive," as previously indicated, and the amendment was not adopted.

Ernest F. Tittle then spoke against the second proposed amendments of Harold Paul Sloan. The amendment, placing of a period (.) after the word "performed" as previously indicated, was put to vote. The amendment was not adopted.

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) moved to amend (DB-461) by deleting the sentence "We insist that the buildings of the Church dedicated to the worship of God shall be used for that holy purpose, and not by any agency for the promotion of War." Found at the end of the second paragraph, column two, pages 255 (DCA). The motion being duly seconded, Charles A. Jones spoke to the same.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved (DB-462) the previous question on the Jones amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

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H. P. Sloan
Moves to
Amend

Previous
Question
on Amend-
ments

Division
Called for

First Amend-
ment Lost

Second
Amendment
Lost

C. A. Jones
Moves to
Amend

Previous Ques-
tion on
Amendment

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<i>Session</i>	Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend (DB-463) the second sentence in paragraph two, second column, page 255 (DCA) by adding the words "except in a war in which the United States has been invaded," so the sentence will read "We insist that the agencies of the Church shall not be used in preparation for war, but in the promulgation of peace, except in a war in which the United States has been invaded." The motion was duly seconded.
Amendment Lost	
R. L. Smith Moves to Amend	
	Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved (DB-464) that we adjourn. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.
Motion to Adjourn Lost	
Previous Question on Amendment	J. Manning Potts (Virginia) moved (DB-465) the previous question on the Smith amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.
Amendment Lost	The vote was taken on the amendment of Roy L. Smith, and the amendment did not prevail.
Previous Question Ordered	Arlo A. Brown (Newark) moved the previous question (DB-466) on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.
E. E. Collins Closes Debate for Minority	Fred B. Noble (Florida) representing the Minority Report requested that Elmer E. Collins (Montanna) close the debate for the Minority Report. Elmer E. Collins (Montana) spoke for the Minority Report.
E. F. Tittle for Report	Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, closed the debate for the Report of the Committee.
Minority Report Lost	The Minority Report was not adopted. The Report of the Committee was adopted. For Report see page 664.
Report Adopted	
Motion to Adjourn	George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved (DB-467) that after the necessary announcements, that,

we adjourn. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Various announcements were made. The Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

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Bishop
Magee

TENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1940

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop Edgar Blake in the chair.

By previous order of the Conference, the time of the Worship Service had been set apart for the Service of Commemoration. Bishop Blake announced that Bishop Ralph S. Cushman would be in charge.

Bishop Cushman called the Conference to prayer and meditation, and conducted the opening devotions.

Bishop Cushman announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn No. 527, "For All The Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest."

The Record of Remembrance was then presented by Bishop Cushman, as follows:

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ration

Bishop
Cushman

THE RECORD OF REMEMBRANCE

William Fitzjames Oldham. Born, Bangalore, India, December 15, 1854; educated in Madras Christian College, Allegheny and Boston University; missionary; pastor, professor, Missionary Secretary; Missionary Bishop and General Superintendent; servant of three Continents. His golden voice stilled March, 1937, at Glendale, California.

Laurens J. Birney. Ohio born, September 11, 1871; trained at Scio College and Boston University School of Theology; honored by Wesleyan, Yale and the University of Chattanooga; Dean at Boston, 1911-1920; assigned to China as Bishop of the Church in 1920; scholar, friend, evangelist; translated from Pasadena, May 10, 1937.

William Fraser McDowell. Born at Millersburg, Ohio, February 4, 1858; died in Washington, D. C., 1937; graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and Boston University School of Theology; beloved pastor; College President; efficient Sec-

Record of Re-
membrance
W. F. Oldham

L. J. Birney

W. F.
McDowell

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W. P. Thirkield
- retary of the Board of Education; persistent advocate of Methodist union; stately preacher of the Word of God. Wilbur Patterson Thirkield. Ohio born; child of Ohio Wesleyan and Boston University; elected to the Episcopacy in 1912; New Orleans, Mexico City and Chattanooga Areas knew his leadership; first President of Gammon Theological Seminary; President of Howard University; Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society.
- E. S. Johnson
- Eben Samuel Johnson. Englishman by birth; educated at Morningside College and Oxford University; pastor; District Superintendent; National Guard Chaplain; Missionary Bishop and Bishop for Africa 1916-1936; a devotee of duty. Died December 9, 1939, Portland, Oregon.
- C. E. Mead
- Judge Carlton E. Mead. Died in April, 1940, as the General Conference assembled; outstanding citizen of Marfa, Texas; leader of laymen in Southern Methodism; consecrated to his Lord, inspiration of all who knew him.
- Allan MacRossie
- Allan MacRossie. Born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1861; graduated from Queens University and Drew Theological Seminary; member of New York East and New York Conferences; Educational Director of the Commission on Courses of Study from 1921; leader of men; died at Ryé, New York, March 2, 1940.
- C. W. Burns
- Charles Wesley Burns. Philadelphia born, May 28, 1874; passed into the beyond from Portland, Maine, January 19, 1938; graduated from Dickinson College and Boston University School of Theology; joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1899; elected Bishop as distinguished pastor of Hennipin Avenue Church in Minneapolis in 1920; servant of the Helena, San Francisco and Boston Areas.
- W. E. Brown
- Wallace E. Brown. Born in Chittenango, New York, October 30, 1868; product of a Christian home; graduated from Syracuse University; pastor and District Superintendent; lover of men and God; elected General Superintendent in 1924 and assigned to China; beloved of the Chattanooga Area; passed away in the early months of his new Area assignment to the Portland Area in 1939.
- C. E. Locke
- Charles Edward Locke. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1858; child of Allegheny College; untiring pastor; distinguished preacher; from First Church, Los Angeles, in 1920, elected General Superintendent and assigned to the Philippine Islands; later to St. Paul Area; retired May, 1932; translated March 7, 1940.
- E. D. Mouzon
- Edwin DuBose Mouzon. Although memorial services

were held for the late Senior Active Bishop at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Birmingham, Alabama, reverent mention is here made of this distinguished servant of the Church who passed into the life beyond on February 10, 1937, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

The litany of Appreciation was participated in responsively by the members of the Conference.

Bishop Cushman then brought the following appropriate message:

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Bishop Chairman, members of the General Conference:
When I sat down to meditate with myself and with Christ over this morning's service and to call back into vision the beloved and virile figures of Oldham and Birney, Mouzon and McDowell, Thirkield and Johnson, Mead and Mac-Rossie, Charles Burns, Wallace Brown and Edward Locke, with these faces and figures before me, with the sweet memories of days that have gone, I heard myself saying,

I want the faith
That envies not
The passing of the days;
That sees all times and ways
More endless than the stars;
That looks at life,
Not as a little day
Of heat and strife,
But one eternal revel of delight,
With God, the friend, adventurer, and light.
What matter if one chapter nears the end?
What matter if the silver deck the brow?
Chanting as I go
Past crimson flaming
From the autumn hills,
Past winter's snow,
To find that glad new chapter
Where God's spring
Shall lift its everlasting voice to sing.
This is the faith I seek;
It shall be mine,
A faith that strides across the peaks of time!

And then there came to me some passages of Scripture. I heard Jesus say, "He who listens to My words and believes Him who sent Me, hath eternal life, he has already passed from death across to life." I repeated to myself those words, "hath eternal life," "has already passed from death across to life." It was the present tense that gripped me. Eternal life, as Jesus proclaimed it, is now.

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These beloved leaders of the Church, honored by us this morning, had this experience of the heavenly life here long before they left us for the shores beyond. And so, not the golden streets, nor the jasper walls, nor the pearly gates, but eternal life is the subject of our meditation this morning.

Yes, eternal life is the center of our meditation.

I thank Thee just for life,
The chance to live,
To be alive,
So great Thy gift.

If Thou didst nothing give beside,
It were enough, to breathe Thy air,
To walk this mountain sod,
To look Thee in the face
And call Thee, God.

Jesus does not say anywhere in the Scriptures, "Come to me and go to heaven." He does say, "I am come that they might have life." Have it now, abundantly, the eternal life, the imperishable life. This is the promise of our text in John 5: 24, "He who listens to my words and believes hath eternal life, and is passed from death across to life," as Moffatt puts it. Just so, Jesus writes heaven in the present tense.

I like Dr. Fosdick's words when he says, "I believe in immortality, but what I am concerned about for myself is not immortality, but life eternal, to have a quality of experience so rich and reliant, so full of meaning that it makes going on worth while."

So eternal life is our theme this morning, not the pearly gates nor the golden streets. Across nearly forty years now since my college days I still hear the voice of that greatest of all of the New England preachers of that day saying this, "Our churches are full of people who have never understood what the call of Christ really is." What is the call of Christ? What is the gift of God? Well, the rich young ruler thought it was something that he could inherit. That is the word he uses. "What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He had inherited a very comfortable life here, and he wanted just as comfortable an inheritance in the world to come. What he had to learn was that human beings cannot inherit the life called eternal. We must be born into it by a new kind of a birth. "Except a man be born from above he cannot enter the Kingdom of Life."

Said St. Paul, "He that is in Christ is a new creature." It is this kind of a new creation alone that can create the

new heaven and the new earth. It is the new creation in Christ Jesus that makes heaven on earth, and in the Beyond the only heaven that is worth talking about.

Just so when Dr. Rauschenbusch was once asked, "What is the greatest contribution that any man can make to a new social order?" he answered, "A regenerated personality." And isn't this what Dr. Hough means in one of his lectures when he declares, "Christianity is not so much what we do for God as it is what God does in us"? These, the re-born children of God, are indeed the hope of the earth and the joy of Heaven.

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"From a high place I saw the city,
Naked and bare before me spread.
And therein walked, O God of pity!
Few living, many dead.
Dead men entombed in daily labor,
Grappling for gold in greedy strife,
Dead neighbors chattering with dead neighbors,
And dead youth seeing life!
But Oh, my eyes kept ever turning,
To where with tender, deep delight,
I saw like stars in dark eyes burning
The living souls shone bright."

My affirmation this morning is that the dear ones whom we honor in this service are living personalites in the firmament of God.

We are not, first of all, rejoicing that they have gotten into the heaven of God over there, but this is our eternal rejoicing that Heaven got into them here, that they discovered the life in Christ, found re-creation in Him, and then passed on their glorious discovery to us and to those who touched them.

The monumental truth is that this glorious fact of eternal life is forever connected with the eternal and the living Christ.

Here is a simple illustration of this, taken from the life of one of these noble men whom we honor this morning. Walking with Wallace Brown, he told me of how he was first shaken into the truth that led to his conversion. They were returning, he and his little sister, from a revival meeting. They had walked several miles from the farm. Then going home in the moonlight after the meeting, they walked silently, impressed by the evening service. Then he heard the sobbing, the quiet sobbing of the little sister, and finally he said, "Sis, what is the matter?"

She wouldn't answer, but the sobbing kept on. Then he said, "Well, Sis, if that is the way the revival meetings make you feel, we won't go any more."

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Then the little girl broke out in speech and said, "Wally, you don't understand. Oh, Jesus means so much to me that I want you to know him, too."

That was the best expression that the little girl could make of an eternal truth that Christ does bring life here and now. "I know not what the future has of marvel or surprise. I only know that life and death his goodness underlies." It is the same message that Christ brought in that last great high priestly prayer as he said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him; and this is life eternal to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

This is the message; the call of Christ is not primarily a call to go to Heaven, the call of Christ is primarily to find him and life that is in him. This is the message of these lives that we honor this morning. But let no man think that I am discounting at all the preciousness of that land to which they have gone.

Let me give a personal experience. A year ago last August, I sat beside the bed where my mother, eighty years old, was passing out into the other country. I held her hand. The nurse held the other hand. And as we sat around that bedside, finally the nurse said, "She is going."

And I say to you that it was perfectly natural for a son to say, "Lord Jesus, here comes my mother. Take her, Lord."

Why not? Didn't he say in the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, "I go to prepare a place for you? I will come again and receive you unto myself."

And, too, it was perfectly spontaneous the next morning to go out in my study in the glen to look up into the face of my Lord and write:

Life is so wonderful, life such as thine;
Death cannot end it! Good night, mother mine!
Morning will come again gilding the trees,
Spring notes will sound again sweet on the breeze!

This is not dying, my brave mother dear,
Thou art but climbing up out of The Here,
Out of thy struggles and out of thy pain,
Out where with Christ life will flower again,

So, then, good night, mother, only good night;
Turn thy dear face to the mansions of light.
Life is so wonderful, life such as thine;
Death cannot end it! Good night, mother mine!

And so this morning, as we honor the names of these men whom we have known and who have gone on before,

we remember the words of the text, "He that heareth these words of mine, believeth on him that sent me, hath eternal life and is passed from death unto life."

Let us pray.

Eternal Christ, in thee we live and move and have our being. In this holy hour help us to break asunder the veil that separates those over there and those over here. May we rejoice now and always in the life of the eternal Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bishop Cushman announced and the Conference joined in singing Hymn 525, "I Will Sing You a Song of That Beautiful Land."

The Service of Remembrance closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Cushman.

Bishop Blake called the Conference to order for the business session at 9:15 A.M.

The Report of the Committee on Journal was adopted, as follows:

We have examined the Journal records for the morning and afternoon sessions of Friday, May 3, 1940, and they are correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*;
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

William M. Alexander (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, separately presented the following matters, and the Conference took action on each as indicated:

1. By vote of the Conference, duly made and seconded, ordered the following appreciation of Bishop Wallace E. Brown (DB-469) printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*:

The Holston Conference delegation to this body wishes to express to the General Conference of The Methodist Church, and through the General Conference to the Church at large, its deep appreciation of the life and service of Bishop Wallace E. Brown, recently deceased, who for seven years immediately preceding Unification served as Resident Bishop of the Chattanooga Area.

In Bishop Brown we found a Christian gentleman, an able Bishop, and a beloved brother. We mourn his passing but rejoice in the effects of his leadership.

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We pray God's blessings upon his dear wife, who was a never failing aid and support to him, and upon the members of their family.

Holston Conference Delegation

F. B. SHELTON,
 O. R. TARWATER,
 I. P. MARTIN,
 E. H. OGLE,
 J. W. PERRY,
 J. A. BAYS,
 MRS. H. C. BLACK,
 MRS. L. A. TYNES,
 W. O. LOWE,
 F. H. TROTTER,
 JAMES L. ROBB,
 JAMES N. HILLMAN,
 HARRY L. UPPERMAN (For former Central
 Tennessee Conference and Baxter Seminary;
 with permission from Holston Conference Delegation).

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 Bishops to
 Reply

2. By vote of the Conference, duly made and seconded, referred the message of Bishop Chung of the Korean Methodist Church to the Council of Bishops for appropriate reply. (DB-470.)

Trustees
 Elected for
 Adrian College and
 Authorized
 Changes in
 Charter

3. By formal vote of the Conference, on motion made by William M. Alexander (Missouri) and duly seconded, elected Clarence L. Daugherty, C. M. Urschel, Phillip Ellis, J. S. Gray, and Willard Cornelius, Trustees of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan; by vote of the Conference, on motion made by William M. Alexander (Missouri) and duly seconded, authorized by the Trustees of Adrian College of Adrian, Michigan, to make, or cause to be made such changes in its charter as may be necessary to harmonize it with the laws of The Methodist Church.

Approved Request of
 Adrian College

By vote of the Conference, on motion made by William M. Alexander (Missouri) and duly seconded, adopted the following (DB-471) as a whole:

A REQUEST TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN
BEHALF OF ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN,
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Whereas, the General Conference of The Methodist Church is the legal successor of the General Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church; and,

Whereas, the Charter of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, requires that a certain number of the Trustees of Adrian College be elected by the General Conference; now

Therefore: Two things are requested of this General Conference of The Methodist Church:

First, that it elect to membership as members of the Board of Trustees of Adrian College those whose term expires at this time: Clarence L. Daugherty, C. M. Urschel, Phillip Ellis, J. S. Gray, Willard Cornelius.

Second, that it grant authority to the said Board of Trustees of Adrian College to make, or cause to be made, in its charter such changes as may be necessary to harmonize it with the laws of The Methodist Church.

BISHOP EDGAR BLAKE,

BISHOP J. C. BROOMFIELD,

BISHOP JAMES H. STRAUGHN.

4. By vote of the Conference, on motion duly made and seconded, referred a message from The Methodist Church in Latvia to the Council of Bishops, for appropriate reply. (DB-472.)

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Bishops to
Reply

5. Recognized John J. Bunting (Peninsula) and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted the following (DB-473):

Authentic
Memorials

Whereas, the Rules of Order in Section 3, Paragraph 4 requires that all Memorials shall be of Methodist origin, but does not determine the method of verification, and

Whereas, Memorials may be and shall be drafted, signed and submitted to this General Conference by a person who is not a member of The Methodist Church, and such Memorials have been referred to the Committee which have acted on the same, be it,

Resolved, That all Memorials considered by the General Conference shall come from organizations or members of The Methodist Church; and, when submitted by an organized body, the Memorial shall bear the signatures of the President and Secretary of that body; when submitted by an individual, the memorial shall be witnessed by two officials of the Church of which the maker of the

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memorial is a member, or by two members of the General Conference.

JOHN J. BUNTING,
TULLY C. KNOWLES,
S. W. HALL,
E. F. HANN.

Gavel
Presented

6. Recognized Lewis O. Hartman (New England) who presented to Bishop Blake a gavel, made from the elm under which Jesse Lee preached on Boston Common in July, 1790, and sent by the New England Historical Society. Bishop Blake appropriately replied.

O. W. Fifer
on Personal
Privilege

7. Recognized Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) for a privileged statement, as follows: "On page 320 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, one column of remarks made by me in a recent discussion is attributed to Dr. A. W. Pugh, and a column of remarks made by Dr. Pugh on the same occasion is attributed to me. The proper order should be: column three on page 320 should be column one, and column one as printed should be column three." (DB-474.)

Election
General
Conference
Delegates

8. Recognized Charles V. Adams (Central Pennsylvania), and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted the following Resolution (DB-475):

Be it resolved, That Paragraph 411 of the *Discipline* be amended by addition of the following:

Where an Annual Conference meets in regular session within four weeks of the time of meeting of the General Conference, such Annual Conference may elect Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences at its preceding session.

CHARLES V. ADAMS,
V. MAX FREY,
L. A. WELLIVER,
C. L. RHODES,
G. ELLIS WILLIAMS,
F. P. CORSON,
J. E. SKILLINGTON,
MRS. J. HOWARD AKE,
EDGAR R. HECKMAN.

The report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges was then adopted as a whole.

Report No. 9 of the Committee on Credentials was adopted. (DB-476.) For report see page 692.

Motion of Marion E. Lazenby (DB-477) (North Alabama), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, duly seconded, prevailed that the Committee on Credentials be authorized to make its final report Monday at the morning session, and that no changes be approved after that session.

The report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-478) was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference, on Saturday afternoon, May 4, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*;

C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, briefly outlined the work before the Conference, and moved that the Rules be suspended in order to consider the reports published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* today. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Rules were suspended. Motion of George W. Henson (DB-479), duly seconded, prevailed that the Rules be suspended to hear a report from the Judicial Council; then take up the Calendar until 12 noon; and then consider special resolutions.

The Rules being suspended, Bishop Blake recognized Francis R. Bayley, President of the Judicial Council, for a privileged statement (DB-480), as follows:

For the information of the General Conference, the Judicial Council desires to announce that it has decided that the legislation passed yesterday relative to the retirement age of ministers in Annual Conferences is constitutional. Eight join in the above decision, one dissents.

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Adopted

Report No. 9
Credentials
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Report of
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Presiding
Officers
Adopted

G. W. Henson
Outlines
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Rules
Suspended

F. R. Bayley
Reports for
Judicial
Council

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On account of the lateness of the hour the decision could not be published in this morning's *Daily Christian Advocate*. It will be published along with the dissenting opinion in a later issue.

Motion re
Funds

Motion of Costen J. Harrell (DB-481), duly seconded, prevailed that when any proposed legislation calls for funds from any of the General Funds of the Church, an estimate of such expense shall be given the Conference by the person presenting the report.

Calendar

The Calendar was then taken up.

Report No. 6
Membership,
Lay Activities
and
Temporal
Economy
Adopted

Report No. 6, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy (DB-482), Calendar No. 151 (DCA-296 and 297), Title: "Board of Lay Activities, Christian Stewardship, Charge Lay Leaders, Lay Members of an Annual Conference, Clarification of the Term 'Laymen,' Election of the Executive Secretary, and Incorporation of the General Board of Lay Activities," was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, who requested common consent to insert the words (DB-483) "of the Jurisdictional Conference" in line ten, Paragraph 1212, column three, page 296 (DCA) after the word "Activities" at the beginning of the line. Common consent was unanimously given by both the Committee and the Conference. The report, on motion of Nathan Newby, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 572.

Report No. 7
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 7 of the same Committee (DB-484), Calendar No. 152 (DCA-297), Title: "Report of the Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who moved the adoption of the report and that the General Conference approve the election of Guy E. Snavelly, of New York, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. B. Ivey, and of Benjamin H. Littleton, of Washington, D. C., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. B.

Stackhouse on the Board of Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., the election of said Trustees having to be approved by the General Conference of The Methodist Church. The report was adopted, and Bishop Blake announced the election of the said named Trustees duly confirmed. For report see page 575.

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Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-485), Calendar No. 153 (DCA-297 and 298) Title: "Episcopal Address—Christian Stewardship," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 576.

Report No. 8
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-486), Calendar No. 155 (DCA-298), Title: "Change in Classification of Members," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 577.

Report No. 10
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 14, Committee on Ministry (DB-487), Calendar No. 116 (DCA-290), Title: "Voluntary Retirement Age for Ministers," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman, who requested permission to change the number of Article 2 to Article 3. The request was granted by common consent, both of the Committee and of the Conference, and on the motion of Orien W. Fifer, duly seconded, the report was adopted. For report see page 596.

Report No. 14
Ministry
Adopted

Report No. 15, Committee on Ministry (DB-489), Calendar 117 (DCA-290), Title: "Duties of Exhorters," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 596.

Report No. 15
Ministry
Adopted

Report No. 17, Committee on Ministry (DB-490), Calendar No. 177 (DCA-336), Title: "Ordination of Ministers under the Seminary Rule," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, and,

Report No. 17
Ministry
Adopted

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Education
Presented

on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 597.

Report No. 41, Committee on Education (DB-491), Calendar No. 99 (DCA-256), Title: "Organization of the Board of Education," was presented by Arlo A. Brown (Newark), Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

C. M. Coulter
Moves to
Amend

Charles M. Coulter (Ohio) moved to amend (DB-492) by changing that part of the report dealing with Episcopal representation to read "one effective Bishop from each Jurisdictional Conference, chosen by the Bishops of each Jurisdiction." The motion being duly seconded, Charles M. Coulter spoke to the same.

P. W.
Quillian
Against
Amending

Paul W. Quillian (Texas) spoke against the proposed amendment.

A. P. Coman
for
Amending

Alfred P. Coman (Central New York) spoke for the amendment.

L. C. Wright
Against
Amending

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke for the report and against the amendment.

J. A. Perry
for
Amending

James A. Perry (Troy) spoke for the amendment.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Loren M. Edwards (Colorado) moved (DB-493) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment
Lost

Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, closed the debate. The vote on the Coulter amendment was taken and the Chair declared the amendment lost.

Motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River) (DB-494), duly seconded, prevailed that a standing vote be taken. This was done and the Chair announced the amendment lost.

Count Vote
Requested

Albert G. Schatzman (Ohio) called for a count vote. The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by more than the one-fifth necessary vote.

The Tellers took the count vote, under the supervision of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio), Secretary of

Standing Votes, and reported as follows (DB-495): For the amendment, 287; against the amendment, 342. The amendment was declared lost. The report was adopted. For report see page 534.

Report No. 4, Committee on Missions and Church Extension (DB-496), Calendar No. 174 (DCA-335), Title: "World Federation of Methodist Women," was presented by Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 600.

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-497), Calendar No. 175 (DCA-335), Title: "Reference of Memorials 203 and 721," was presented by Roy L. Smith, Chairman, who called attention to a typographical error (DB-498) in line five, first paragraph, the omission of the words "Central and" before the words "Autonomous Churches." By common consent, the words were inserted, and the report adopted, on the motion of Roy L. Smith, duly seconded. For report see page 600.

Report No. 6, of the same Committee (DB-499), Calendar No. 176 (DCA-335 and 336), Title: "Reference of Memorial 829" was presented by Roy L. Smith, Chairman, who asked permission to insert the words (DB-498) "Central and" in line four of the first paragraph, just before the word "Autonomous." This was granted, by common consent, and the report adopted on motion of Roy L. Smith, duly seconded. For report see page 601.

Report No. 11, Committee on Publishing Interests (DB-500), Calendar No. 111 (DCA-259), Title: "Editor of Church School Publications," was presented by Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 649.

Report No. 12, of the same Committee (DB-

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Lost
Report
Adopted
Report No. 4
Missions
and Church
Extension
Adopted
Report No. 5
Same
Committee
Adopted
Report No. 6
Same
Committee
Adopted
Report No. 11
Publishing
Interests
Adopted
Report No. 12
Same
Committee
Adopted

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501), Calendar No. 112 (DCA-259), Title: "Book Editor and Editor of Church School Publications," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 650.

Report No. 13
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 13, of the same Committee (DB-502), Calendar No. 113 (DCA-259), Title: "The Curriculum Committee," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 650.

Report No. 15
Same
Committee
Presented

Report No. 15, of the same Committee (DB-503), Calendar No. 115 (DCA-260), Title: "A Youth Publication," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

D. L. Marsh
Moves to
Amend

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) moved to amend (DB-504) by striking out the words in parentheses in lines nine and ten "(one of whom shall be a Youth member)," and by inserting after the word "Education" in line eleven, the following: "And three young people elected by the Commission which is charged with the responsibility of conducting a study of the program and organization of Methodist youth." The motion being duly seconded, Daniel L. Marsh spoke to the same.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Frank B. Jones (Memphis) moved (DB-505) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

Amendment
Lost
Report
Adopted

Paul N. Garber, Chairman, not desiring to speak further, the motion to amend was put, but did not prevail. The report was adopted. For report see page 651.

Report No. 9
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 9 of the same Committee (DB-506), Calendar No. 158 (DCA-298 and 299), Title: "Editor of Church School Publications," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on

his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 649.

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-507), Calendar No. 159 (DCA-299), Title: "Editor of Church School Publications," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 649.

Report No. 16 of the same Committee (DB-508), Calendar No. 160 (DCA-299), Title: "Printing the Plan of Union in the Discipline," was presented by Paul N. Garber, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 651.

Report No. 17 of the same Committee (DB-509), Calendar No. 161 (DCA-299), Title: "Recommendations in the Plan of Union," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Lester R. Templin (Central Kansas) moved to amend (DB-510) by changing the words "four recommendations" to the words "fourth recommendation," and refer the matter to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations. The motion was duly seconded.

Paul N. Garber, Chairman, requested that Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri), Chairman of the Sub-Committee preparing Report No. 17, Calendar No. 161, to come to the platform and represent the Committee.

Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) spoke to the pending matter, and, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or of the Conference, accepted the amendment of Lester R. Templin.

The report was adopted. For report see page 651.

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Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 16
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 17
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Presented

L. R. Templin
Moves to
Amend and
Refer

E. J. Kulp
Speaks for
Committee

Amendment
Accepted
Report
Adopted

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Committee
Presented

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511), Calendar No. 162 (DCA-299), Title: "Committee on Good Literature," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

G. W. Henson
Moves to
Amend

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved to amend (DB-512) by changing the word "shall" to "may" in the first line of the new paragraph. Paul N. Garber, Chairman, with the consent of the Committee, and no objection being raised by the Conference, accepted the amendment.

Amendment
Accepted

G. L. Morelock
Moves to
Amend

George L. Morelock (Memphis) moved to amend (DB-513) by striking out the words "this Committee to call its" and substituting therefore the words "the Official Board of each church to call." The motion being duly seconded, George L. Morelock spoke to the same.

Amendment
Accepted

Paul N. Garber, Chairman, with the consent of the Committee, and no objection from the Conference, accepted the amendment.

Report
Adopted

The report was adopted. For report see page 652.

Telegram
from
African
Episcopal
Methodist
Church

The following telegram (DB-514) was read to the Conference:

General Conference Methodist Church,
Atlantic City, N. J.

African Methodist Episcopal Church feels highly honored through your greetings. We cheerfully reciprocate the felicity.

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
GEORGE T. SIMS, *Secretary*.

Recess

Various announcements were made and Bishop Blake declared the Conference in recess for ten minutes.

Reconvene

Bishop Blake called the Conference to order at 10:40 A.M., and requested Dr. James R. Houghton to lead in a hymn.

Devotions

Dr. Houghton announced and the Conference joined in singing a hymn written by a member of the Conference, Lynn J. Radcliffe (New York)

entitled "Lord of Courage" and found on page 314 (DCA).

Report No. 14, Committee on Publishing Interests (DB-515), Calendar No. 114 (DCA-259 and 260), Title: "Publication of Discipline in Spanish," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 651.

Report No. 7 of the same Committee (DB-516), Calendar No. 156 (DCA-298), Title: "Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, who requested common consent to add a paragraph inadvertently omitted by the printer (DB-517), as follows:

Par. 922. All official Statistical Blanks, Record Forms, and Record Books which are required to be used in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by The Methodist Publishing House.

Common consent being given for the addition, Paul N. Garber moved the adoption of the report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the report was adopted. For report see page 648.

Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-518), Calendar No. 157 (DCA-298), Title: "Official Statistical Office," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 648.

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-519), Calendar No. 163 (DCA-299), Title: "Handbook, pages 11 to 79," was presented by Paul N. Garber, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 652.

Paul N. Garber, Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, stated this completed the work of that Committee, and on behalf of the Committee thanked the members of the Confer-

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Report No. 14
Publishing
Interests
Adopted

Report No. 7
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 8
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 19
Same
Committee
Adopted

P. N. Garber
Thanks
Conference

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Report No. 18
Conference
Claimants
Adopted

T. S. Brock
Presents
Resolution

ence for their co-operation and attitude towards the reports submitted by the Committee.

Report No. 16, Committee on Conference Claimants (DB-520), Calendar No. 166 (DCA-334), Title: "Re-admission of Located Ministers," was presented by Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 484.

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey) presented the following resolution (DB-521) and moved its adoption:

INTER-TERRITORIAL TRANSFERS

Whereas, the "Divided Annuity Responsibility" provision, see Par. 1330 of the *Discipline* of 1939, is operative in the territory of the Illinois Corporation of the Board of Pensions, but inapplicable in the territory of the Missouri Corporation, and

Whereas, this difference might be a barrier to transfer of ministers from either territory to the other, therefore, be it

Resolved, That any minister who transfers on and after June 1, 1940, from either one of the said territories to the other shall be entitled, on retirement, to make an annuity claim in the Annual Conferences to which he formerly belonged for the years he served therein, and said Annual Conferences shall be responsible for the payments on such claims.

All annuity claims arising hereunder shall be satisfied directly, as between the respective Annual Conferences and the minister concerned, and shall not be accounted for in the clearinghouse maintained by the Illinois Corporation, nor through the office of the Missouri Corporation.

The problem of providing for an equitable distribution of annuity responsibility for transfers made prior to June 1, 1940, shall be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation for consideration, with instructions to report its findings and recommendations to the General Conference of 1944.

This resolution shall be printed in the *Appendix to the Discipline*, for the guidance of Bishops and all others concerned in such transfers.

H. L. Davis
Moves to
Refer

Henry L. Davis (Northwest Indiana) moved (DB-522) that the resolution be referred to the

Commission on Pension Legislation for consideration and that they report to the General Conference of 1944. The motion was duly seconded.

Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) asked (DB-523) if the resolution was printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* where it could be read. The answer was that it had not been printed.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) on a matter of privilege for the Conference, asked (DB-524) if the resolution created a new commission? The answer was that it did not.

George E. Farrar (Florida) spoke in favor of the Brock resolution.

Fred B. Newell (New York East) moved (DB-525) that we defer action on the resolution of Thomas E. Brock until it shall have been printed in Monday's *Daily Christian Advocate*. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the following (DB-526) was adopted:

Your Committee on Conferences recommends that the Council of Bishops be requested to nominate to the General Conference, a Commission on Entertainment, composed of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction, to determine the place of holding the General Conference of 1944, and to make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

Report No. 15, Committee on Conferences (DB-527), Calendar 185 (DCA-337, 338, 339, 340, 341, and 342), Title: "Central Conferences," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, who requested that Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Central Conferences, to be in charge of the report.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Central Conferences, of the Committee on Conferences, explained the re-

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O. W. Fifer
Asks
Question

C. J. Harrell
Asks
Question

G. E. Farrar
for
Resolution

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Print.
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Hartman
Explains
Report

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port and moved (DB-528) its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. Lewis O. Hartman called attention to a typographical error on page 338 (DCA), column three, where "Amend Par. 947," should read "Amend Par. 974."

Time
Extended

Motion of Boyce C. Martin (Texas), duly seconded, prevailed that the time of Lewis O. Hartman be extended if necessary to complete the explanation of the report (DB-529).

E. A. Shah
Moves to
Amend

Ebenezer Ahmad Shah (Lucknow) moved (DB-530) to amend the report by inserting the words "in consultation with the Central Conference," after the words "General Conference" in line five, Par. 491, page 338, column 3 (DCA); and to further amend by striking out Item 1 under "General Recommendations," page 339 (DCA). The motion being duly seconded, Ebenezer Ahmad Shah spoke to the same. His time expiring before he had completed his statement, motion (DB-531) of William H. Stewart (New York East), duly seconded, prevailed extending the time of Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, in order that he might complete his statement. Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, thanked the Conference for this privilege, and completed his remarks.

C. D. Rockey
on Point
of Order

The vote was taken on the amendment. Clement D. Rockey (North India) raised the point of order (DB-532) that the Chairman had made no statement before the vote was taken. The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Point
Sustained

Lewis O. Hartman stated that he was inclined to think the amendment is acceptable.

Amendment
Adopted

The vote was taken on the first amendment of Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, and it was adopted.

Second
Amendment
Offered

Bishop Blake stated the following the precedent set yesterday of permitting a delegate to offer several successive amendments, that the second amendment proposed by Ebenezer Ahmad Shah was before the Conference for action.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) raised the point of order (DB-533) that a series of amendments is out of order. The Chair ruled the point well taken, and that the second proposed amendment of Ebenezer Ahmad Shah would be considered at a later time.

Motion (DB-534) of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, to consider the report seriatim did not prevail.

E. Pearce Hayes (Foochow) moved (DB-535) to amend by substituting the word "three" for the word "two" in the third line of 483, page 341, column three (DCA) and requested that Miss Ruby Sia (Foochow) speak to the amendment. The motion was duly seconded.

Miss Ruby Sia (Foochow) spoke to the amendment.

George C. Douglass (Troy) raised the question, for information, as to whether the recommendations made by the Committee on Conferences covers the authorizations already made by the former Methodist Episcopal Church for Central Conference Bishops? Lewis O. Hartman answered the proposal of the Committee is in line with previous authorizations.

Bishop Blake called attention to the action of the morning relative to the estimated expenditure. Lewis O. Hartman replied there would be no increase under the proposed authorizations.

Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River) spoke in favor of the amendment.

John R. Kenney (California) spoke against the amendment.

The time nearing to take up miscellaneous matters, motion of Charles V. Adams (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed to extend the time to complete action on the proposed amendment (DB-536).

Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Secretary of the Board

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J. E. Skillington on Point of Order Point Sustained

Motion to Consider Seriatim Lost

E. P. Hayes Moves to Amend

Ruby Sia for Amendment

G. C. Douglass Asks Question

Estimated Expenditures

E. F. Tittle for Amending

J. R. Kenney Against Amending

Time Extended

R. E. Diffendorfer for Amending

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of Foreign Missions) spoke in favor of the amendment.

John B. F. Yoak, Jr. (West Virginia), moved (DB-537) the previous question on the amendment only. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

L. O. Hart-
man Closes

Lewis O. Hartman, representing the Committee, closed the debate.

Amendment
Adopted

The amendment of E. Pearce Hayes was adopted.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) suggested the extension of the time to complete and vote on the entire report.

Time
Extended

On motion of J. Manning Potts (Virginia), duly seconded, the time was extended for this purpose (DB-538).

Mrs. Thomas
Nicholson
Moves to
Amend

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson (Upper Iowa) spoke to the report with special reference to new Par. 476 (a) at the top of column three, page 338 (DCA). At the suggestion of Lewis O. Hartman, the words "after consultation with the Standing Committee on Women's Work" (DB-539), were inserted after the words "a woman's unit," in line two of the new paragraph, there being no objection raised by the Committee or by the Conference.

Amendment
Accepted

Mrs. Thomas
Nicholson
Moves to
Amend ¶ 479

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson (Upper Iowa) moved to amend Paragraph 479 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (DB-540) by adding to the paragraph "Such organizations may become members of the World Federation of Methodist Women and may elect a representative on the World Council of the Federation," and to make this amended paragraph a part of the report.

Amendment
Adopted

No objections being raised, either from the Committee or by the Conference, Lewis O. Hartman accepted the proposed amendment. The vote being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Second
Amendment
of A. E.
Shah
Considered

William H. Stewart (New York East) moved

(DB-541) that we now take up consideration of the second proposed amendment of Ebenezer Ahmad Shah, said consideration having been ruled out of order at the time it was presented. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

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Lewis O. Hartman spoke to the proposed amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

Amendment
Lost

Charles MacCaughey (Pacific Northwest) spoke to the report and Lewis O. Hartman replied to the questions proposed.

Charles Mac-
Caughey
Speaks to
Report

Willard G. Cram (Secretary of the Board of Missions) offered the following (DB-542) amendments: Strike out the words "The China Central Conference and" of Item 4 of Section 5, column two, page 339 (DCA) and insert a new Item 6, to read as follows: "The Council of Bishops are requested to provide for Central Conference visitation as the need may appear."

W. G. Cram
Offers
Amendment

On motion (DB-543) of Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky), duly seconded, the amendments were adopted.

Adoption on
Motion A.
R. Perkins

Motion (DB-544) of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended to hear the following nominations from the Council of Bishops.

Time
Extended

Bishop H. Lester Smith, for the Council of Bishops, presented the following to constitute the Commission on Central Conferences and the Conference, by vote, approved the same:

Commission
on Central
Conferences

COMMISSION ON CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Bishop Arthur Moore.

Bishop Titus Lowe.

JURISDICTIONAL MEMBERS

A. W. Wasson, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

L. O. Hartman, Boston, Mass.

Foster K. Gamble, 516 N. 22nd Street, Birmingham, Ala.

J. W. E. Bowen, New Orleans, La.

O. W. Fifer, Indianapolis, Ind.

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John R. Kenney, Merced, California.

CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

C. B. Rape, West China.

GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

J. W. E. Sommer, Southwest Germany.

NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Theodore Arvidson, Sweden.

SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

E. M. Rugg, India.

EUROPE PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Ferdinand Sigg, Switzerland.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Don W. Holter, Philippines.

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

M. Dodsworth, Malaya.

AFRICA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Alex. J. Reid, Lodja, Conga Belge.

LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Hugh Stuntz, Scarritt College, Nashville.

Various announcements were made.

Benediction
by Bishop
Anderson

The Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop William F. Anderson and consideration of the report of Central Conferences pending.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference convened at 2:30 P.M., Saturday, May 4, 1940, with Bishop Ivan Lee Holt in the chair.

Devotions

Bishop Holt announced, and the Conference joined in singing, Hymn No. 73, "Be Still, My Soul; the Lord Is on Thy Side," led by Dr. James R. Houghton, after which Bishop George A. Miller led in prayer.

Mrs. Margaret
MacLaughan
Sings

Dr. James R. Houghton presented Mrs. Mar-

garet MacLaughan, who rendered two selections "My Heart's Delight" and "The Night Winds," the words and music of both being composed by Miss Gertrude Kirstien, the organist of the General Conference.

Bishop Holt expressed the appreciation of the Conference to both Mrs. MacLaughan and Miss Kirstien.

The Committees on Journal, Credentials, Courts and Privilege had no reports to make at this time.

The Calendar was taken up, further consideration of Report No. 15 of the Committee on Conferences (DB-527), Calendar No. 185, Title: "Central Conferences," being the business before the Conference.

Marmaduke Dodsworth (Malaya) moved (DB-546) to amend by adding a new subsection following subsection 5 on page 339 (DCA), column two, to read as follows: "South Eastern Asia Provisional Central Conference to be assigned to the North Central Jurisdiction." The motion being duly seconded, Marmaduke Dodsworth spoke to the same.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved (DB-547) the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question on the amendment was ordered.

Lewis O. Hartman, in charge of the report, stated that if there was no objection from the Committee, or from the Conference, he would accept the amendment. By common consent, this was done.

Cornelio M. Ferrer (Philippine North) presented the following statement (DB-548) and moved (DB-549) that it be made a part of the record of this General Conference:

In connection with Report No. 185, Committee on Con-

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Report No.
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Conferences
Resumed

Dodsworth
Moves to
Amend

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Accepted

C. M. Ferrer
Makes
Statement

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ferences Report No. 15, paragraph 488 on page 341, third column of the *Daily Christian Advocate*:

The Philippine delegates are unanimous to have it definitely understood that while they are asking Bishop Edwin F. Lee to administer the Philippine Conference during this quadrennium in accordance with their Memorials, they also want it understood that they shall have the right to elect a Central Conference Bishop at the close of the quadrennium just before the next General Conference in 1944. And we hereby request that this statement be made a part of the record of this General Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

ARCADIO DE OCERA,
CORNELIO M. FERRER,
CORNELIO D. JULIAN,
MEDINA D. LACSON.

Lewis O. Hartman stated that there was a blanket provision in the pending report that covered this matter.

F. Reyna
Moves to
Amend

Flor Reyna (Cuba) moved (DB-550) to amend by requesting that the Cuba Annual Conference continue in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The motion, being duly seconded, Flor Reyna spoke to the same.

Amendment
Out of Order

Lewis O. Hartman stated that the Plan of Union assigned Cuba to the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Bishop Holt ruled the proposed amendment therefore unnecessary.

P. Zotelle
Moves to
Amend

Pedro Zotelle (Chile) moved to amend (DB-551) Item 3 under Section 5, page 339, column two (DCA) by substituting the word "Western" for the words "South Central." The motion being duly seconded, Pedro Zotelle spoke to the same.

L. O. Hart-
man Makes
Statement

George W. Henson, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, requested common consent for Lewis O. Hartman to make a clarifying statement, that would take care of many of the matters being proposed, and save much time for the Conference. By common consent, the request was approved.

Hrit K. Mondol (Bengal) asked a question of Lewis O. Hartman, who replied.

Lewis O. Hartman made further statements relative to the report and asked common consent to make the following changes in the report (DB-552).

1. In the second paragraph of Section 5, page 339, column two (DCA) insert the word "residential" in lines one and three before the word "Episcopal."

2. In the second paragraph of Section 5, page 339, column two (DCA) strike out all following the word "Discipline" in line six and substitute therefore "We respectfully submit the following arrangement for the consideration of the Committee charged with the responsibility in handling this whole matter."

3. In Section 5, Article 5, page 339, column two (DCA) substitute the word "an" for the word "Delhi."

4. To understand that the arrangements as set forth in Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Section 5, page 339, column two (DCA) are not hard and fast, but that the Committee charged with this matter shall use discretion.

Fred D. Stone (Rock River) raised the question (DB-553) of what Committee will decide matters relative to residences in Europe. Lewis O. Hartman replied to the question.

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) moved (DB-554) that this report be recommitted for further study of this Section on General Recommendations.

Willard G. Cram (Kentucky) requested J. Edgar Skillington to change his motion, so as to refer the whole report to a Joint Committee composed of five members from the Committee on Conferences and five members from the Committee on Ministry, the members to be appointed by

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H. K. Mondol

Asks

Question

Changes

Made by

Common

Consent

Fred D. Stone

Asks

Question

J. E. Skillington

Moves

to Recommit

W. G. Cram

Suggests

Amendment

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Accepted

Entire
Report
Must Be
Referred

L. C. Wright
Speaks

Referred

Report No. 24
State of the
Church, with
Minority
Report
Withdrawn

Report No. 10
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Committee
Presented

F. E. Lott
Moves to
Amend

the respective Chairmen. (DB-555.) J. Edgar Skillington accepted the proposed change. The motion was duly seconded.

The Chair ruled that the entire report must be referred, even though the section on General Recommendation is to be studied.

Louis C. Wright (North-East Ohio) spoke to the pending question.

The motion to refer to the Special Committee, with instructions to study the General Recommendations Section, was adopted.

Report No. 24, Committee on State of the Church (DB-556), Calendar No. 149 (DCA-295 and 296), Title: "Congressional Investigations," together with a minority report attached, was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, who requested that common consent be given (DB-557) to withdraw the minority report, and also to withdraw the report of the Committee. No objection being raised by anyone who signed the minority report, or by the members of the Committee, or by the Conference, the request was granted by common consent and both reports were withdrawn.

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-558), Calendar No. 100 (DCA-257), Title: "Church and Economics," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who asked common consent to make the following change (DB-559): place a period (.) after the word "poverty" in line four, top of page 257, column two, and strike out the remainder of the sentence which reads "and the right of all men to live." Common consent being granted, the correction was made.

Fred E. Lott (Wyoming) moved (DB-560) to amend by substituting the words "We declare for" wherever the phrase "We stand for" appears, and that the words "in all our Methodist life, and that of our day," be added to said paragraphs by

editorial revision. The motion was duly seconded by Joseph R. Pennell (Wyoming) and Fred E. Lott spoke to the same.

The Chair put the question when Wilmer Fell Davis (Peninsula) raised the point of order (DB-561) that the Chairman of the Committee should be heard. The Chair ruled the point well taken. Ernest F. Tittle had nothing to say concerning the proposed amendment.

The vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment did not prevail. The report was adopted. For report see page 670.

Report No. 13 of the same Committee (DB-562), Calendar No. 102 (DCA-257), Title: "Evangelism," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 672.

Report No. 18 of the same Committee (DB-563), Calendar No. 106 (DCA-258), Title: "Church and Economics," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 675.

Report No. 16 of the same Committee (DB-564), Calendar No. 143 (DCA-294), Title: "Relief," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved the adoption of the report. The motion was duly seconded.

William K. Anderson (Pittsburgh) moved to amend (DB-565) by adding at the end of the paragraph at the top of page 294, column two, the following: "and such other co-ordinating Relief Agencies, as the Committee named in the following paragraph may approve." The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed.

The report as amended was then adopted. For report see page 674.

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-566), Calendar No. 144 (DCA-294), Title: "Of-

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W. F. Davis
on Point
of Order

Point
Sustained

Amendment
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Report
Adopted

Report No. 13
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 18
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 16
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Presented

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son Moves
to Amend

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- Report No. 20 of the same Committee (DB-567), Calendar No. 145 (DCA-294 and 295), Title: "The Christian Home," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.
- E. E. Collins
 Moves to Amend
 Elmer E. Collins (Montana) moved to amend (DB-568) by deleting Item 7, page 295, column 1 (DCA). The motion being duly seconded, Elmer E. Collins spoke to the amendment.
- W. C. Fawcett
 Against Amending
 William C. Fawcett (North Dakota) spoke against the amendment.
- J. W. Moore
 on Point of Order
 Point Sustained
 James W. Moore (Virginia) raised the point of order that the time allotted to this Committee had expired, and the Chair ruled the point of order well taken.
- Time Extended
 Chester A. Smith (New York) moved (DB-570) that the time be extended to complete the consideration of the pending report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.
- Previous Question Ordered
 A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) moved (DB-571) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question on all before the Conference was ordered.
- E. F. Tittle
 Closes
 Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, closed the debate. The amendment was not adopted. The report was adopted. For report see page 677.
- Report No. 4
 Ritual and Order of Worship Adopted
 Report No. 4, Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship (DB-572), Calendar No. 140 (DCA-293), Title: "Amending of the Ritual for the Reception of Members," was presented by J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 654.
- J. N. R. Score
 Thanks Conference
 J. N. R. Score, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, in behalf of the

Committee, thanked the Conference for its consideration and courtesy, as the Committee completed its work with the presentation of the above report.

Report No. 2, Committee on Interdenominational Relations (DB-573), Calendar No. 131 (DCA-292), Title: "World Council of Churches," was presented by James W. Moore (Virginia), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 560.

Report No. 3 of the same Committee (DB-574), Calendar No. 132 (DCA-292), Title: "Permanent Commission on Interdenominational Relations," was presented by James W. Moore, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 561.

Report No. 7 of the same Committee (DB-575), Calendar No. 195 (DCA-344), Title: "Nominations for Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," was presented by James W. Moore, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 562.

Motion of James W. Moore, Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed, requesting unanimous consent that the Committee on Interdenominational Relations be permitted to add about six names to the list of Alternates contained in the report just adopted, and that they go to record with the report.

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-576), Calendar No. 244 (DCA-401), Title: "Relations With The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church," was presented by James W. Moore, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) raised the question (DB-577) if this proposed Commission would involve any extra expense? James W. Moore replied that he knew of none.

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inational
Relations
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Report No. 3
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 7
Same
Committee
Adopted

Permission
Granted to
Add Names

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Presented

C. J. Harrell
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Report
Adopted

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ministration
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Report No. 5
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Adopted

D. Stewart
Patterson
Called to
Platform

Report No. 1
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms
Withdrawn

The report was adopted. For report see page 563.

Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-578), Calendar No. 196 (DCA-344), Title: "Methodist Ecumenical Letter," was presented by James W. Moore, Chairman, who requested unanimous consent of the Conference to withdraw the report, as the matter involved had been taken care of in another report. The Conference granted unanimous consent for the withdrawal of the report.

Report No. 4, Committee on Judicial Administration (DB-579), Calendar No. 183 (DCA-337), Title: "A Request that the General Conference Empower and Request the Judicial Council to Make a Decision," was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 568.

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-580), Calendar No. 184 (DCA-337), Title: "Harmonizing Judicial Opinions," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 569.

Reports from the Committee on Enabling Acts were called next, and Bishop Holt requested that D. Stewart Patterson, Secretary of the Committee, be permitted to be on the platform to help in the presentation of the reports. The Conference granted the request by common consent.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Enabling Acts (DB-581), Calendar No. 136 (DCA-292 and 293), Title: "Enabling Act for Administration of Work of Boards of Education of the Three Uniting Churches between the General Conference of 1940 and the Beginning of Legal Functioning of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, who requested common consent to withdraw the report as the matters in-

volved had been taken care of by another report, Calendar No. 98 (DCA-256). The Conference unanimously granted the request and the report was withdrawn.

Report No. 2 of the same Committee (DB-582), Calendar No. 137 (DCA-293), Title: "For Continuation of Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work Pending Reorganization," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 540.

Report No. 3 of the same Committee (DB-583), Calendar No. 138 (DCA-293), Title: "Continuation of Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with Amendments in Constitution," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 541.

Report No. 4 of the same Committee (DB-584), Calendar No. 139 (DCA-293), Title: "Continuation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 541.

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-585), Calendar No. 182 (DCA-336 and 337), Title: "Authorization for Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Continue Operation under Existing Charter and Constitution Pending Organization of New Board of Missions and Church Extension and for Certain Changes in Constitution," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 542.

Report No. 5 of the same Committee (DB-586), Calendar No. 186 (DCA-342), Title: "Amendment of the Constitution of the Board of

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Committee
Adopted

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Report No. 4
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Report No. 5
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 6
Same
Committee
Adopted

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Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 543.

Report No. 7
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 7 of the same Committee (DB-587), Calendar No. 187 (DCA-342), Title: "Continuation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 545.

Report No. 8
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-588), Calendar No. 188 (DCA-342 and 343), Title: "Amending Charter of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of former Methodist Episcopal Church," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 545.

Report No. 10
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-589), Calendar No. 189 (DCA-343), Title: "Amendment of Paragraph 1635, 1939 *Discipline*, Pertaining to Mission Boards," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 546.

Report No. 11
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 11 of the same Committee (DB-590), Calendar No. 190 (DCA-343), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Angola Mission Conference to Organize into an Annual Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 547.

Report No. 12
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 12 of the same Committee (DB-591), Calendar No. 191 (DCA-343), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Southeast Africa Mission Conference to Organize into an Annual Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For report see page 547.

Report No. 15 of the same Committee (DB-592), Calendar No. 192 (DCA-343), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Latin American Mission to Organize into a Mission Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who requested common consent to make the following editorial corrections: change the word "may" in the next to the last line (DCA-343) column three to "shall," and add the words "during the quadrennium" to the paragraph. Common consent being given for the corrections, the Report was unanimously adopted on motion of Arthur A. Callaghan, duly seconded. For Report see page 548.

Report No. 16 of the same Committee (DB-593), Calendar No. 193 (DCA-343), Title: "Re-enactment of Paragraph 1620, 1939 *Discipline*," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. For Report see page 548.

Report No. 17 of the same Committee (DB-594), Calendar No. 194 (DCA-343 and 344), Title: "General Enabling Act," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded. As this was a General Enabling Act a count vote was taken. The Tellers, under the direction of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio), Secretary of Standing Votes, counted the votes. Bishop Holt announced the result (DB-594A) to be 603 votes for the Report, none against. The Report was declared unanimously adopted. For Report see page 548.

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, asked that common consent be given at this time to present and act on certain special resolutions, and then resume the Calendar. The Conference, by common consent granted the request.

Harold F. Carr (Detroit) presented the fol-

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Report No. 15
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 16
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 17
Same
Committee
Adopted by
Count Vote
603 for;
None
Against

Special
Resolutions
Considered

Offering for
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lowing Resolution (DB-595) and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded by Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee) and prevailed:

Thirty ushers under the leadership of the Reverend Benjamin F. Allgood have served us courteously and well during this Conference. They came to this responsibility unselfishly and not expecting any pay or expense money. You and I however, will want to act in two ways upon this motion. I move that plates be passed immediately so that we may contribute to a fund to be distributed by Mr. Allgood among the ministers who have been ushers during this Conference.

"The Upper
Room"

Umphrey Lee (North Texas) presented Resolutions (DB-596) relative to "The Upper Room," and moved their adoption. The motion being duly seconded, Umphrey Lee spoke briefly to the same. They were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Paragraph 1280 of the *Discipline* of 1939 makes it the responsibility of the General Commission on Evangelism to "promote the practice of intercession and family worship"; and

WHEREAS, *The Upper Room* was founded as a specific feature of the Church's program of evangelism;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the General Commission on Evangelism is hereby instructed to assume the management and publication of *The Upper Room* and to produce and distribute such literature as that now represented by *The Upper Room* for the cultivation of the spiritual life, provided, however, that no funds either now on hand or hereafter accumulated by *The Upper Room*, or other devotional and related literature hereafter produced, shall be used for the support of other features of the Commission's work, but all net income from the sale of such publications shall be conserved by the Commission for the purpose of preparing and circulating such literature; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the setting up of a reserve fund out of such profits as a protection against unforeseen emergencies.

Resolved further, That the Commission is authorized to provide for a Managing Editor for *The Upper Room* and other related literature who shall have authority coordinate with the Executive Secretary of the Commission of Evangelism.

And be it further resolved, That the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is hereby

authorized and instructed to transfer to the General Commission on Evangelism, immediately upon the organization of said Commission, \$25,000 and accounts accredited to *The Upper Room* as of date of July 1, 1940.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) presented the following Resolution from the General Commission on World Service and Finance (DB-597) relative to Expenses of the General Conference of 1944, and moved (DB-598) its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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RESOLUTION ON GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES

RESOLVED, That if sufficient funds should not be available to meet the expenses of the General Conference of 1944, the following rule shall be applied to paying the expenses of the delegates, to wit:

The expenses of the delegates to the said General Conference shall be paid in the same proportion as the Annual Conferences which they severally represent have paid their respective apportionments to the General Administration Fund. Provided, however, that this principle shall not apply as above prescribed further than is necessary to absorb any deficit there may be in the General Administration Fund for the expense of the General Conference.

UMPHREY LEE,	A. W. MARTIN,
ROY L. SMITH,	LESTER RUMBLE,
HAROLD PAUL SLOAN,	G. M. DAVENPORT,
ROY H. SHORT,	WILLIS J. KING,
COSTEN J. HARRELL,	GEO. E. FARRAR,
J. N. R. SCORE,	FRANK H. RYDER,
LOREN M. EDWARDS,	ERNEST F. TITTLE,
ARLO A. BROWN,	EDGAR T. WELCH,
THOMAS S. BROCK,	LESLIE J. LYONS,
W. P. FEW,	J. MANNING POTTS,
PAUL QUILLIAN,	PAUL N. GARBER.
W. F. BRYAN,	

James A. Perry (Troy) spoke against the Resolution.

J. A. Perry
Against

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) spoke for the Resolution.

A. W. Pugh
For

Robert B. Stansell (Wisconsin) moved (DB-599) the previous question. The motion, duly

Previous
Question
Ordered

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Count Vote
Requested

Resolution
Lost

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seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered.

The vote was taken, and, being close, a count vote was called for by more than one-fifth of the members present and voting. The Tellers, under the direction of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio), Secretary of Standing Votes counted the votes for and against the Resolution. Bishop Holt declared the result to be (DB-600) For the Resolution 281; against the Resolution 320. The Resolution was not adopted.

Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee) presented Resolution (DB-601) relative to the early issuing of the *Discipline*, and moved (DB-602) its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The provision adopted on April 27, 1940, directed the Editors of the *Discipline* "to complete the editing after the General Boards have been elected and organized and have elected their administrative officers," and as it is desirable to have the *Discipline* available at the earliest possible time, be it

Resolved, That the General Conference request that the Boards, Commissions, and Committees complete their organization and election of administrative officers, and turn in their reports to the Book Editor not later than September 1, 1940.

Counsel for
General
Conference
Before
Judicial
Council

Lovick P. Wasson (North Mississippi) presented a Resolution (DB-603) relative to the General Conference having competent counsel before the Judicial Council in the case of an appeal by a minority, and moved (DB-604) its adoption. The motion being duly seconded, Lovick P. Wasson spoke to the same. The Resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It would appear that in cases of appeal of a minority from the action of the General Conference to the Judicial Council, no provision has been made for competent counsel to represent the General Conference before the Judicial Council, therefore be it

Resolved, That when an appeal is taken from any action of the General Conference to the Judicial Council, that it shall be the duty of the minority making such appeal to present the grounds of such appeal to the Judicial Council, and that there shall be appointed competent counsel to represent the General Conference action to the Judicial Council and present the defense of the General Conference.

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L. P. WASSON,
FRANK C. PROPERT.

Eugene B. Hawk (Central Texas) presented a Resolution (DB-605) relative to Southern Methodist University, and moved (DB-606) its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the Resolution was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Southern
Methodist
University

WHEREAS, By resolution duly adopted, the Uniting Conference held at Kansas City, Mo., April 26 to May 7, 1939, assigned and conveyed to the South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church all right, title, and interest of the Church as a whole, and of the General Conference, in Southern Methodist University, of Dallas, Texas, and all property rights therein; and

WHEREAS, This General Conference, by appropriate action duly taken, did, at an early business session thereof, ratify and confirm each and every action of the Uniting Conference:

Therefore, For the purpose of providing for record in the appropriate title records an instrument evidencing the legal transfer of said Southern Methodist University, and all property rights therein, title to which was thus vested in said South Central Jurisdiction,

Be it resolved, That "The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church" be and it is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute to the Trustees of said University a deed and conveyance assigning and conveying to said Trustees, IN TRUST, for the use and benefit of said South Central Jurisdiction of THE METHODIST CHURCH, all the right, title and interest of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, and of the Church as a whole, in and to Southern Methodist University and all Property of every kind and character held or claimed by said University, or the Trustees thereof, attaching to said deed and conveyance a certified copy of the resolution

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adopted by the Uniting Conference conveying said University to said South Central Jurisdiction, a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this General Conference under which said action of the Uniting Conference was ratified and confirmed, a certified copy of this resolution, and a certified copy of the resolution or other action of the Jurisdictional Conference designating the trustees to whom such deed and conveyance is to be made.

UMPHREY LEE,
MRS. W. W. FONDREN,
EUGENE B. HAWK,
J. W. MILLS,
PAUL E. MARTIN,
J. O. HAYMES,
R. T. BLACKBURN,
A. W. MARTIN.

Methodist
Protestant
Home for
Aged, West
Lafayette,
Ohio

N. E. Davis (Secretary of the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work) presented a Resolution (DB-607) relative to the Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged at West Lafayette, Ohio. On motion (DB-608) of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the Resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged at West Lafayette, Ohio, has been an institution of the General Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church which has elected the Board of Trustees for a period of four years and made some small provisions for its financial maintenance, and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to continue the operation of this home until the future policy and program of the organization can be decided, therefore

Be it resolved, That the following persons be elected as members of the Board of Trustees for a period of four years: D. L. Custis, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; H. W. Peterson, Mansfield, Ohio; R. I. Farmer, Cambridge, Ohio; O. F. Hull, West Lafayette, Ohio; C. M. Ross, Coshocton, Ohio; F. E. Stottelmeyer, Cambridge, Ohio; T. L. Montgomery, Coshocton, Ohio; which Board of Trustees shall be authorized to take such actions as are necessary, in co-operation with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, and the Board of Hospitals and Homes within the bounds of the Conference in which the Home is located, in order that the financial interests of the Home and the

guests therein shall be conserved and properly adjusted in the best interests of the various persons and groups concerned.

O. F. HULL,
H. W. PETERSON,
N. E. DAVIS.

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Albert R. Perkins (Kentucky) moved (DB-609) that this Conference instruct the General Commission on World Service and Finance to publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* today a detailed Budget for this quadrennium. The motion was duly seconded.

World Service
and Finance
Asked to
Publish
Budget

W. F. Bryan (Texas) Vice-Chairman of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, spoke to the Resolution.

W. F. Bryan
Speaks

The vote was taken and the Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution
Lost

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) requested that the Conference hear Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf, Chairman of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, for a statement concerning the matter under discussion. The Conference, by common consent, granted the request, and Bishop Waldorf brought a brief, but encouraging message.

Bishop E. L.
Waldorf

The Report of the Committee on Presiding Officers (DB-610) was adopted as follows:

Report Com-
mittee on
Presiding
Officers
Adopted

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to report the selection of Bishop H. Lester Smith as the Presiding Officer for the next session of the General Conference on Monday morning, May 6, 1940.

T. D. ELLIS, *Chairman*;
C. M. DANNELLY, *Secretary*.

Chester A. Smith (New York) requested that common consent be given to print the following (DB-611) in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Monday, May 6:

Permission to
Print

That the following be submitted according to the procedure stipulated by Paragraph 10, Section 2, *Discipline* of 1939:

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Amend Paragraph 22, Article 2, *Discipline* of 1939, by striking out the following words in the 10th, 11th, and 12th lines thereof: "with the exception that the Lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character and Conference Relations of Ministers."

The Conference, by common consent, approved the request.

Calendar

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 48
Education
Adopted

Report No. 48, Committee on Education (DB-612), Calendar No. 178 (DCA-336), Title: "Ministerial Education," was presented by Arlo A. Brown (Newark) Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 537.

Report No. 38
Education
Adopted

Report No. 38 of the same Committee (DB-613), Calendar No. 96 (DCA-256), Title: "Jurisdictional Boards," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 532.

Report No. 39
Education
Adopted

Report No. 39 of the same Committee (DB-614), Calendar No. 97 (DCA-256), Title: "Jurisdictional Boards," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 533.

Report No. 42
Education
Adopted

Report No. 42 of the same Committee (DB-615), Calendar No. 128 (DCA-291), Title: "Annual Conference Boards," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 534.

Report No. 44
Education
Adopted

Report No. 44 of the same Committee (DB-616), Calendar No. 130 (DCA-291 and 292), Title: "Annual Conference Boards," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who requested common consent to correct a typographical error (DB-617) in line thirty-one, page 292, column one (DCA) by inserting after the word "Conference" at the beginning of the line, the words, "may report to the Board for confirmation by the Annual Conference." Common consent being given

by the Conference, Arlo A. Brown moved the adoption of the Report. The motion being duly seconded, prevailed, and the Report was adopted. For Report see page 535.

Report No. 43 of the same Committee (DB-618), Calendar No. 129 (DCA-291), Title: "Methodist Conference on Christian Education," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 535.

Report No. 34 of the same Committee (DB-619), Calendar No. 92 (DCA-255), Title: "Organization," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Ralph E. Diffendorfer (Secretary Board of Foreign Missions) spoke to the Report, and requested the deletion of the last sentence of the Report, which reads as follows: "An apportionment to meet the approved needs shall be transmitted to the Church by the Commission."

Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, accepted the suggested amendment, with no objection being raised either by the members of the Committee, or of the Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 531.

Report No. 35 of the same Committee (DB-620), Calendar No. 93 (DCA-255), Title: "Board of Trustees of the Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 531.

Report No. 36 of the same Committee (DB-621), Calendar No. 94 (DCA-255 and 256), Title: "Jurisdictional Boards," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see page 531.

Report No. 26 of the same Committee (DB-

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Report No. 43
Education
Adopted

Report No. 34
Education
Presented

R. E. Diffendorfer Asks
Amendment

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 35
Education
Adopted

Report No. 36
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Adopted

Report No. 26
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Presented

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622), Calendar No. 124 (DCA-290), Title: "Memorial 321, A Reading Course for Laymen," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who stated there was a typographical error, as the Committee had recommended concurrence, and the reference of the matter to the Board of Education for favorable action. With this explanation Arlo A. Brown moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

H. P. Sloan
Moves to
Amend

Harold Paul Sloan (New Jersey) moved to amend (DB-623) by adding the words "in cooperation with the Board of Lay Activities." The amendment was accepted by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, no objection being raised by the members of the Committee, or of the Conference. The Report was adopted. For Report see page 526.

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 7
Missions
and Church
Extension
Presented

Report No. 7, Committee on Missions and Church Extension (DB-624), Calendar No. 200 (DCA-346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356 and 357), Title: "Board of Missions and Church Extension," was presented by Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) Chairman, who called attention to the following typographical errors, editorial changes and corrections, said editorial changes and corrections having the approval of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension:

Corrected

1. Page 355 (DCA) column 1, insert (DB-625) before Paragraph 1044 at the bottom of the page, the following:

Section X

FUNDS

Par. The income of the Divisions of the Board, exclusive of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, shall be derived from apportionments, assessments, or askings distributed to Jurisdictions, Annual Conferences, and Pastoral Charges by the budget-making agency of the General Conference in such manner as the General Conference may prescribe, from Church Schools, gifts,

donations, freewill offerings, annuities, bequests, specials, and other sources from which Missionary and Benevolence funds are usually derived, in harmony with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and actions of the General Conference.

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2. Page 351 (DCA) column one, add (DB-626) at the end of paragraph "C. Department of Good-will Industries," the following:

The Department shall promote and establish Good-will Industries in various centers; shall review missionary askings and administer appropriations for Goodwill Industries; shall endorse and assist only those local Good-will Industries which are organized and conducted according to its standards, rules, and regulations, and shall urge them to co-operate in programs promoted by other Boards, divisions, sections, departments, or agencies of The Methodist Church.

The Department may conduct national and regional institutes, and such other special training activities as will help to develop the specialized leadership required for the direction of Goodwill Industries.

3. Page 355 (DCA) column two, Paragraph 1051 insert (DB-627) the words "the Conference," before the word "Missionary" at the end of line fifteen, so that it shall read "the Conference Missionary,"

4. Page 347 (DCA) column one, insert (DB-628) the word "quadrennially," after the word "elect" in the fourth line of the paragraph at the bottom of the column.

5. Page 355 (DCA), column two. Take the sentence (DB-629) "the President of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service," in lines five, six and seven of Paragraph 1047, and insert after the word "Jurisdiction," at the beginning of line three of the same Paragraph.

6. Add to the last paragraph of Paragraph 937, page 347 (DCA) column one, the following:

The Board, on nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially not

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to exceed twenty-four women, four from each Jurisdiction, for the Division, who shall serve as Advisory Members of the Board.

7. Page 352 (DCA) column one: Substitute (DB-631):

This Division may nominate for election by the Board quadrennially not to exceed twenty-four women, four from each Jurisdiction, who shall serve as Advisory Members of the Division and of the Board,

for the sentence in Section VI, Paragraph 1008, beginning with the words

"This Division" line twelve, and ending with the words "Board Committees," line eighteen.

8. Page 56 (DCA), column three: Strike out (DB-632) the words "a District Secretary from each District;" and substitute the following: "a District President, a District Secretary, and such other District officers as the Conference Society shall determine from each District."

9. Page 356 (DCA) column three: District Constitution, Article IV. Strike out the last sentence, reading "The District Secretary shall be a member of the Conference Executive Board." and substitute the following (DB-633) "The District President, District Secretary, and such other District Officers, as the Conference Society may determine, shall be members of the Conference Executive Board."

Editorial
Changes
Ordered

Roy L. Smith, Chairman requested authority for the Secretary of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension to confer with the Secretary of the General Conference, for the purpose of making any minor typographical or editorial changes that should be needed. The Conference, by common consent, authorized that this be done.

Motion to
Adopt

G. E. Williams
Moves to
Defer
Motion
Lost

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, moved (DB-634) that the Report be adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

G. Ellis Williams (Baltimore) moved (DB-635)

that further action on this Report be deferred until Monday morning. The motion was duly seconded, but did not prevail.

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, spoke briefly, but clearly, to the Report.

J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina) moved to amend (DB-636) Paragraph 1057, bottom of page 356 (DCA) column one, by inserting the words “, if such Counsellors are” between the words “Counsellors” and the word “elected” in line eight of the Paragraph.

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by the Committee, or the Conference.

Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore) moved (DB-637) that consideration of the Report be made the Order of the Day for Monday morning, immediately after the Report of the Committee on Journal.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order, on the grounds that the Conference had just voted down a motion to defer action until Monday morning.

J. Ira Jones (Ohio) moved to amend (DB-638) by substituting the word “may” for the word “shall” in the first line of Paragraph 1024, page 354 (DCA) column one. The motion being duly seconded, J. Ira Jones spoke to the same.

John F. Baggett (Tennessee) moved the previous question (DB-639) on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question on the amendment was ordered.

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, spoke against the amendment. The motion to amend, being put, did not prevail.

Harwood P. Myers (Virginia) moved to amend (DB-640) Paragraph 1027, Article 3, page 354 (DCA) column two, by inserting the words “an Annual Week of Prayer,” after the word “Institutes,” in the third line of the Paragraph.

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R. L. Smith
Speaks

J. E. Ford
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

B. W. Meeks
Moves to
Defer

Ruled Out of
Order

J. I. Jones
Moves to
Amend

Previous
Question
Ordered

R. L. Smith
Against
Amending

Amendment
Lost

H. P. Myers
Moves to
Amend

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Amendment
Accepted
Mrs. J. D.
Bragg for
Report
Previous
Question
Ordered
R. L. Smith
Closes
Report
Adopted
Motion to
Substitute
Report No.
7 for 1939
Discipline
Legislation
Adopted
Women Rec-
ognized on
Motion of
Mrs. E. B.
Miller

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, accepted the amendment, there being no objection raised by the Committee, or the Conference.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg (St. Louis) spoke in favor of the Report.

Loren M. Edwards (Colorado) moved the previous question (DB-641) on the Report. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, closed the debate for the Committee.

The Report was adopted. For Report see page 602.

Roy L. Smith, Chairman, moved to eliminate from the *Discipline* the present chapters covered by the legislation contained in Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 200, just adopted, and to substitute for the same in the *Discipline* the legislation enacted in the adoption of Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, Calendar No. 200. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Mrs. E. Bee Miller (Ohio) requested the privilege of having all the women who had worked on the Commission and various Committees on Missions, to stand in recognition of their hours of work, faith and prayer. The Conference, by common consent, spontaneously granted the request.

Bishop Holt requested all the women, whether delegates or visitors, who had worked in any way to help bring to pass the results as set forth in Report No. 7 of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, to stand. The women arose amidst the applause of the delegates and visitors.

Motion of Sydney W. Hall (Oregon) duly seconded (DB-642) prevailed after the necessary announcements, we adjourn.

Motion to
Adjourn

Various announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Raymond J. Wade.

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Benediction by
Bishop
Wade

ELEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 6, 1940

The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened for the final session of the 1940 session on Monday, May 6, 1940, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop H. Lester Smith in the chair and Bishop Clare Purcell in charge of the opening devotions.

Bishop Purcell announced and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 211, "Arise, My Soul, Arise."

Bishop Purcell then led in prayer, after which he announced and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 540, "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine."

Bishop H. Lester Smith called the Conference to order for the business session at 8:45 A.M.

The report of the Committee on Journal (DB-643) was adopted, as follows:

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Devotions

Business
Session

Report of
Committee
on Journal
Adopted

Your Committee has separately examined the Journal of the sessions of Friday evening, May 3, and Saturday morning, May 4, and find them correct.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, *Chairman*;
S. C. RICE, *Secretary*.

Samuel C. Rice (Kentucky) moved (DB-644) for the Committee on Journal that the approval of the Journal for Saturday afternoon and of today's session be left to the Secretarial Staff. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Further Ap-
proval of
Journal

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved (DB-645) that the Conference approve the procedure of the morning by which the business session was begun at 8:45 A.M. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Approval
Given to
Early Start

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Report of
Committee
on Courtes-
ies

William M. Alexander (Missouri), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, requested that Fred P. Corson (Central Pennsylvania) present the final report of the Committee.

Fred P. Corson (Central Pennsylvania) presented the following resolutions of appreciation (DB-646):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES

The fraternalism, fairness, good will, and patient understanding demonstrated in the First General Conference of our United Methodism foretells a long, happy, and productive union. In these sessions we have seen how pleasant and possible it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, and it is, therefore, fitting that we express our gratitude to all who, directly or indirectly, have contributed to the success of this General Conference, and through it to the larger success and usefulness of the Church of our fathers.

Before we assembled in Atlantic City, many were at work planning for our coming. During that time Ad-interim Committees were engaged in the preliminary work which made it possible for this General Conference to conclude its deliberations in record time. To these groups we extend our hearty thanks.

The favorable circumstances under which we have met have fostered the fine spirit which has prevailed and greatly facilitated the efficiency of the Conference procedure. To the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and to the Local Committee on Entertainment and their assistants, to the officials of Atlantic City and all local organizations and individuals who extended the Conference courtesies, we express our sincere appreciation.

Appreciation should also be recorded for the intellectual and spiritual leadership of our Bishops, expressed in the Episcopal Address, the devotional services, and sermons and addresses delivered in connection with their presence at the General Conference.

In their painstaking devotion to the tasks which the General Conference assigned to them they have set the Church a worthy example, and in their tactful, firm, and impartial presidency of the General Conference they have insured legislative mobility by democratic processes. We thank God for our Episcopal leaders.

The music provided for this General Conference has been of an unusually high order, combining quality and inspiration. To Dr. James R. Houghton, who possesses the ability "to make the woeful heart to sing," to our organist, chimes, the Rangertone Company, and to all individuals and organizations who have had a part in this ministry of music, we express our thanks for the pleasure and the uplift they have brought us.

The Secretary and his Assistants have expedited the work of this General Conference by their alertness and their energy and by their tactful direction of Conference business. They have earned the degree of Master of Detail, *in cursu*. These officers and their stenographic and clerical assistants, all of whom are included in this expression of appreciation, by the nature of their work, have been compelled to listen to and record all that has been said in these sessions. No praise, therefore, for them would be excessive.

The ushers and pages who have worked at this General Conference "without money and without price" have learned a new meaning for Milton's famous line, "They also serve who only stand and wait." Their quick and ready service to all delegates and guests indicates how completely they possessed the priceless asset of availability, and for their important service we thank them.

Without the *Daily Christian Advocate* the General Conference would be in constant confusion. The accuracy of this reporting journal produced under the pressure of haste is due to the expert and indefatigable labors of the Editor, Dr. Paul Hillman, and his Staff. Their current achievement may well justify our expectation that even in the environment of a General Conference, journalistic speaking, they shall be made perfect in this life. Our note to the Editors is one, therefore, of approval and appreciation.

The supplemental services and the exhibits have been appreciated by large crowds and have fulfilled their purpose to impart information and inspiration. Their contributions to the wider services of the General Conference deserve our praise.

Both the press and the radio have reported amply and fully the proceedings of the Conference. We appreciate this recognition of our news value and the consideration and fair treatment given us by these important factors in the formation of public opinion. To Miron A. Morrill and his staff in the publicity department, and to Dr. Walter Van Kirk and the other radio news commentators who

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Report of
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have told our story, both congratulations and thanks are in order.

Time and space will not permit individual mention of all who have done what they could in the faithful discharge of the work assigned to them for this General Conference. In expressing our thanks to them collectively we would remind them that "God knoweth them all by name."

We have labored, but let us not forget that the increase comes from God; therefore thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ.

FRED P. CORSON.

(For the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.)

Adopted by
Unanimous
Standing
Vote

William M. Alexander, Chairman, moved (DB-647) that the Resolutions be approved by a standing vote. The motion was duly seconded.

The Report of
the Commit-
tee Was
Unanimously
Adopted by
a Standing
Vote

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, briefly outlined the program for this session, as follows: Proceed with the Calendar until recess time; limit the recess time to five minutes instead of ten; after recess proceed with the Calendar, and at its conclusion, if time will permit, have all necessary resolutions; then at 12:30 P.M., close with thirty minutes of devotions under the direction of the Council of Bishops.

Program Out-
lined and
Adopted

Rules
Suspended

George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, moved (DB-649) that the Rules be suspended to follow the proposed procedure. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the Rules were suspended.

Speeches
Limited

Motion of George W. Henson (DB-650), duly seconded, prevailed that speeches on resolutions be limited to three minutes, with three minutes being given to one delegate to close the debate.

To Print De-
cision of
Judicial
Council

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the following resolution (DB-651) was adopted:

Resolved, That the Editors of the Journal be instructed to print in the Journal all decisions made by the Judicial

Council previous to and during this session of the General Conference.

The Calendar was taken up.

Report No. 16, Committee on Conferences (DB-652), Calendar No. 198 (DCA-344, 345, and 346), Title: "Revision and Rearrangement of Chapters, Sections and Paragraphs Relating to the Quarterly Conference, and Other Governing Bodies of the Local Church," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, who requested permission for Albert G. Judd (Northern New York), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Conferences, to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the report. The Conference granted the request by common consent.

George W. Henson, Chairman, requested common consent to make the following editorial corrections (DB-653):

1. Page 345 (DCA), column one, Paragraph 563, lines thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen, strike out the words "Woman's Missionary Societies; Ladies' Aid Societies"; and insert "representatives of the Women's Society of Christian Service."

2. Page 345 (DCA), column one, Paragraph 565, change the word "direction" at the beginning of line five to "discretion."

3. Page 345 (DCA), column three, second line from the top, insert the words "and consult with the pastor" after the word "Bishop."

George W. Henson, Chairman, moved (DB-654) the adoption of the report. The motion, being duly seconded, George W. Henson briefly explained the report.

Mark Kelley (Troy) moved to amend (DB-655) by adding a new paragraph, page 346 (DCA), column two, as follows:

Paragraph 572. The Annual Church Conference may hear the report of a Committee on Policy, previously ap-

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Conferences
Presented

A. G. Judd
Comes to
Platform
on Request

Changes by
Common
Consent

Motion to
Adopt

Mark Kelley
Moves to
Amend

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pointed by the Pastor, who shall be its Chairman. On charges of more than one church, where one Annual Church Conference is held for the entire charge, each church shall have at least one member on this Committee. The Committee, after a careful survey of the work of the church or charge, shall make recommendations concerning its improvement or extension. After discussion of these recommendations and such revisions as the meeting may deem wise, a general policy of the church or charge for the following year shall be adopted.

Amendment
Accepted

George W. Henson, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, no objection being raised by the Committee, or by the Conference.

R. M. Shipman Moves
to Amend

Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines) moved to amend (DB-656) by deleting the parenthetical note under (f) and (g), page 345 (DCA), column two. The motion being duly seconded, Raymond M. Shipman spoke to the same.

A. G. Judd
Speaks

Albert G. Judd, representing the Committee, spoke to the amendment.

Previous
Question
Ordered

William E. Brown (New Mexico) moved (DB-657) the previous question on the amendment. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered on the amendment.

Amendment
Lost

George W. Henson, Chairman, closed the debate. The amendment was not adopted.

S. C. Rice
Moves to
Amend

Samuel C. Rice (Kentucky) moved to amend (DB-658) by inserting the words "charge and the" between the words "of the" and "District Superintendent" in line five, Paragraph 565, page 345 (DCA), column one. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment
Lost

Albert G. Judd, representing the Committee, proposed to accept the amendment, if no objections were raised. Objections being raised from the floor, the vote was taken and the amendment was not adopted.

W. F. McMurry
Moves to
Amend

William F. McMurry (Memphis) moved to amend (DB-659) by transferring Section (c) at the bottom of column two, page 345 (DCA), to a

proper subsection under Division 3 on page 345 (DCA), column three, thus making the Pastoral Relations Committee permissive, and not compulsory. The motion being duly seconded, William F. McMurry spoke to the same.

George W. Henson, Chairman, spoke to the proposed amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East) moved to amend (DB-660) by adding a "Committee on Social Action" as Item (d) under Section 3, page 345 (DCA), column three. The motion was duly seconded.

George W. Henson, Chairman, spoke to the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) moved the previous question (DB-661) on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question was ordered on all before the Conference.

The Chairman, not desiring to speak further, the report was adopted. For report see page 507.

Report No. 12, Committee on State of the Church (DB-662), Calendar No. 142 (DCA-294), Title: "Sabbath Observance," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 672.

Report No. 21 of the same Committee (DB-663), Calendar No. 146 (DCA-295), Title: "Anti-Semitism," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 678.

Report No. 22 of the same Committee (DB-664), Calendar No. 147 (DCA-295), Title: "Aggressor Nations," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved

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Amendment
Lost

L. F. Worley
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Lost

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Ordered

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State of the
Church
Adopted

Report No. 21
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 22
Same
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Presented

L. J. Radcliffe
Moves to
Amend

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to amend (DB-665) by adding to Item 2, page 295 (DCA), column two, the following: "We recommend legislation requiring the registration of all war-making materials that are to be shipped out of the country."

Amendment
Accepted

Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, accepted the amendment, with the approval of the Committee, and by the consent of the Conference.

N. B. Har-
mon, Jr.,
Moves to
Amend

Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. (Virginia), moved to amend (DB-666), Item 2, page 295 (DCA), column two, by striking out the words "extend the moral" in line one of the item, and substituting therefor the words "place an," so the line would read: "2. To place an embargo on," etc. The motion, being duly seconded, Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., spoke to the same.

W. R. Johnson
for
Amending

William R. Johnson (Kiangsi) spoke in favor of the amendment, no one asking for the floor to speak against it.

K. K. Quimby
Moves to
Amend

Karl K. Quimby (Newark) moved to amend (DB-667) by adding to the first paragraph of the report, page 295 (DCA), column two, following the words "the conscience of mankind," in the first line, a new paragraph to read as follows:

"We urge the members of The Methodist Church to abstain voluntarily from all sales of direct, or indirect, war-making materials, the destination of which is clearly to some nation or military force engaged in aggressive warfare."

Quimby
Accepted

Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, with the approval of the Committee, and the consent of the Conference.

Previous
Question
Ordered

Elmer E. Collins (Montana) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the report.

E. F. Tittle
Closes

Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, closed the debate.

The amendment of Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., was not adopted. The report was adopted. For report see page 679.

Report No. 25 of the same Committee (DB-668), Calendar No. 150 (DCA-296), Title: "National Preaching Mission," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Central New York) moved to amend (DB-669) by inserting the word "Christian" after the word "National" in the title. Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, there being no objection raised by the Committee, or by the Conference. The report was adopted. For report see page 680.

Report No. 26 of the same Committee (DB-670), Calendar No. 197 (DCA-344), Title: "Block Booking in Motion Picture Industry," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 681.

Report No. 14 of the same Committee (DB-671), Calendar No. 103 (DCA-258), Title: "Evangelism," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 673.

Chester A. Smith (New York) was recognized on a matter of personal privilege, and stated that he desired to "state for the record" that as a signer of the minority report, attached to Report No. 24, Committee on the State of the Church, Calendar No. 149, the minority report was withdrawn without his consent at the session of Saturday afternoon, May 4, 1940.

Report No. 15 of the same Committee (DB-672), Calendar No. 104 (DCA-258), Title: "Temperance," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

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Harmon
Amendment
Lost

Report
Adopted

Report No. 25
Same
Committee
Presented

L. J. Radcliffe
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 26
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 14
Same
Committee
Adopted

Personal
Privilege for
C. A. Smith

Report No. 15
State of the
Church
Presented

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- R. S. Wimberly Moves to Amend
Amendment Accepted
Report Adopted
- Rudolph S. Wimberly (South Georgia) moved to amend (DB-673) by adding after the word "abstinence" in the last line of the report, page 258 (DCA), column one, the words "from all alcoholic beverages." The proposed amendment was accepted by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, there being no objection raised by the members of the Committee, or of the Conference. The report was adopted. For report see page 673.
- Report No. 17
Same Committee Adopted
- Report No. 17 of the same Committee (DB-674), Calendar No. 105 (DCA-258), Title: "Peace," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 675.
- Report No. 6
Judicial Administration Presented
- Report No. 6 of the Committee on Judicial Administration (DB-675), Calendar No. 252 (DCA-402), was presented by Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, who stated there was no quorum present when the matter was brought up before them, and that the recommendation was that no action be taken.
- A. W. Pugh on Point of Order
Point Sustained
- Chester A. Smith (New York) requested to be recognized that he might speak to the report.
- A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the point of order (DB-676) that as no quorum was present, the report was not in due form, but should come in later under resolutions. The Chair ruled the point well taken, and that Chester A. Smith (New York) could be heard when the matter was brought up under the privilege of resolutions.
- Report No. 23
State of the Church Adopted
- Report No. 23, Committee on the State of the Church (DB-677), Calendar No. 148 (DCA-295), Title: "Immigration," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 679.
- Report No. 9
Enabling Acts and Legal Forms Adopted
- Report No. 9, Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-678), Calendar No. 202 (DCA-

394), Title: "Committee to Hear Disputes Created by Change in Conference and Jurisdictional Boundaries," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, who requested common consent to insert the words "from the Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions involved" in the third line of the last paragraph before the word "three" at the end of the line, page 394 (DCA), column two. No objection being raised by the Committee, or the Conference, the insertion was made, and the report, on motion of Arthur A. Callaghan, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 546.

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Report No. 18 of the same Committee (DB-679), Calendar No. 233 (DCA-399), Title: "Payment of Salaries of Employees, Agents or Representatives of Boards, etc., Until Meeting of Their Annual Conferences," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 549.

Report No. 18
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-680), Calendar No. 234 (DCA-400), Title: "Amendment to Paragraph 1632," was presented by Arthur J. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 549.

Report No. 19
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 9, Committee on Conferences (DB-168), Calendar No. 168 (DCA-334), Title: "Pacific Japanese Mission Conference," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 489.

Report No. 9
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 10 of the same Committee (DB-682), Calendar No. 169 (DCA-334), Title: "Enabling Act, Eastern Swedish Conference," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 489.

Report No. 10
Conferences
Adopted

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Report No. 11
Conferences
Adopted
- Report No. 11 of the same Committee (DB-683), Calendar No. 170 (DCA-334 and 335), Title: "Procedure in Merging Churches," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 489.
- Report No. 12
Conferences
Adopted
- Report No. 12 of the same Committee (DB-684), Calendar No. 171 (DCA-335), Title: "Enabling Act for Kalgan Mission Conference," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 490.
- Report No. 20
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms
Adopted
- Report No. 20, Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-685), Calendar No. 235 (DCA-400), Title: "Enabling Act Granting the Continuance of the East German Annual Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 550.
- Report No. 21
Same
Committee
Presented
- Report No. 21 of the same Committee (DB-686), Calendar No. 236 (DCA-400), Title: "Enabling Act for the Continuance of the Norwegian-Danish Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.
- J. M. Beckstrom Moves
to Amend
- J. M. Beckstrom (Norwegian-Danish) moved to amend (DB-687) by adding to the report the words "or to dissolve, if it so desire." Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, there being no objection raised by the Committee, or the Conference. The report was unanimously adopted. For report see page 550.
- Amendment
Accepted
- Report
Adopted
- Report No. 22
Same
Committee
Adopted
- Report No. 22 of the same Committee (DB-688), Calendar No. 237 (DCA-400), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Organization of Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference into an Annual Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan,

Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 550.

Report No. 23 of the same Committee (DB-689), Calendar No. 238 (DCA-400), Title: "Dissolving of Central Northwest Conference to Merge with Other Conferences," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 550.

Report No. 24 of the same Committee (DB-690), Calendar No. 239 (DCA-400), Title: "Representation in Jurisdictional Conference Boards of Education," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Clem Baker (Little Rock) moved to amend (DB-691) by adding to the last line of the report, page 400 (DCA), column three, the words "provided, that the Youth representatives shall be named by the Executive Committee of the Youth Organization."

Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, no objections being raised by the Committee, or by the Conference. The report was unanimously adopted. For report see page 551.

Report No. 25 of the same Committee (DB-692), Calendar No. 240 (DCA-400), Title: "Enabling Act Regarding Size of Committees in Annual Conferences," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who requested common consent to insert the words "Annual Conference" inadvertently omitted, between the words "of" and "Committees," in line two, page 400 (DCA), column three. The Conference, by common consent, granted the request. The report was unanimously adopted, on motion of Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, duly seconded. For report see page 551.

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Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 24
Same
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Presented

Clem Baker
Moves to
Amend

Amendment
Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 25
Same
Committee
Adopted

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Report No. 26

Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 26 of the same Committee (DB-693), Calendar No. 241 (DCA-400), Title: "Permission to Eastern Swedish Conference to Continue," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 551.

Report No. 27

Same
Committee
Presented

Report No. 27 of the same Committee (DB-694), Calendar No. 242 (DCA-400 and 401), Title: "Resolution Regarding Editorial Change," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

E. J. Kulp

Raises
Question

Edmund J. Kulp (Southwest Missouri) raised the point of order as to whether the word "in" was included in the original Plan of Union. Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, stated it was his understanding that it was.

A. W. Pugh

on Point
of Order

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the point of order (DB-695) that the Declaration of Union, mentioned in the report, is not part of the Plan of Union and not a part of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, and therefore the report was in order.

With the consent of his second, and no objection being raised by the Conference, Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, changed his motion from simply to adopt to that of the adoption of the report, and that the matter be made an editorial change and referred to the Editors of the *Discipline*. (DB-696.) The Report was adopted. For report see page 552.

Report
Adopted and
ReferredCommission on
Records,
Forms and
Statistical
Blanks

The Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, through the Chairman, Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), presented the following to constitute the Commission on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks: George W. Henson, Albert G. Judd, Curtis B. Haley, John B. F. Yoak, Jr., and the Book Editor. (DB-697.) On motion of Nathan Newby, Chair-

man, duly seconded, the Conference approved the same.

Nathan Newby, Chairman of the Committee, requested that Edgar T. Welch (Erie) and George L. Morelock (Memphis) be permitted to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the reports now to be presented from the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy. The Conference, by common consent, granted the request.

Report No. 11 of the same Committee (DB-698), Calendar No. 205 (DCA-394 and 395), Title: "Revision of Paragraphs 811 to 862," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

James A. Perry (Troy) moved to amend (DB-699) by inserting the word "Benevolence" before the word "budgets" in lines five and twenty-three of "6. Amend Paragraph 855," page 395 (DCA), column two.

Nathan Newby, Chairman, accepted the proposed amendment, no objection being raised by the Committee, or the Conference. The report was adopted. For report see page 578.

Report No. 12 of the same Committee (DB-700), Calendar No. 215 (DCA-396), Title: "Wills and Legacies," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 580.

Report No. 14 of the same Committee (DB-701), Calendar No. 217 (DCA-397), Title: "John Street Methodist Church Trustees," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 581.

In accordance with the report just adopted, and on motion of Nathan Newby, Chairman, duly seconded, the Secretary of the General Confer-

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G. L. Morelock and E. T. Welch to Platform

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Lay Activities and
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Presented

J. W. Perry
Moves to
Amend

Accepted

Report
Adopted

Report No. 12
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 14
Same
Committee
Adopted

Vote Cast for
Trustees of
John Street
Methodist
Church

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ence of The Methodist Church cast the vote of the General Conference for Arlo A. Brown, Edward R. Carmen, Carl H. Fowler, John C. Hege-
man, James R. Joy, Willard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder, Wilson P. Tanner, and Bishop Herbert Welch as Trustees of John Street Methodist Church, and Bishop H. Lester Smith declared them duly elected.

Report No. 15
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 15 of the same Committee (DB-702), Calendar No. 218 (DCA-397), Title: "Duties of Conference Treasurer," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 582.

Report No. 16
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 16 of the same Committee (DB-703), Calendar No. 219 (DCA-397), Title: "Baptized Children and Preparatory Members," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 582.

Report No. 17
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 17 of the same Committee (DB-704), Calendar No. 220 (DCA-397), Title: "Duties of Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who requested common consent to insert (DB-705) the words "and apportion" after the word "estimate" in lines two and three at the beginning of the paragraph, page 397 (DCA), column three. The Conference granted the request, by common consent. On motion of Nathan Newby, Chairman, duly seconded, the report was adopted. For report see page 582.

Report No. 18
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 18 of the same Committee (DB-706), Calendar No. 221 (DCA-397), Title: "Trustees of an Annual Conference," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 583.

Report No. 19
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-707), Calendar No. 222 (DCA-398), Title: "Dis-

continued or Abandoned Churches," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 583.

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Report No. 20 of the same Committee (DB-708), Calendar No. 223 (DCA-398), Title: "Bishop's Residence," was presented by Nathan Newby, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 584.

Report No. 20
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 21 of the same Committee (DB-709), Calendar No. 224 (DCA-398), Title: "Membership Manuals," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Report No. 21
Same
Committee
Presented

Ben A. Whitmore (Tennessee) moved (DB-710) that the report be referred to the Board of Publication and the Board of Education for joint consideration. The motion was duly seconded.

B. A. Whitmore
Moves
to Amend

Nathan Newby, Chairman, accepted the suggestion, no objection being raised, and the report was referred by vote of the Conference to the Board of Publication and the Board of Education.

Accepted

Report
Referred

Report No. 22 of the same Committee (DB-711), Calendar No. 225 (DCA-398), Title: "Fixed Date for Easter," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who moved the adoption of the report. The motion was duly seconded.

Report No. 22
Same
Committee
Presented

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas) moved as a substitute (DB-712) that the whole matter, the observance of Easter, be referred to the Commission on Interdenominational Relations, without recommendation, for study and report to the General Conference of 1944. The motion was duly seconded.

R. F. Curl
Moves to
Amend

Nathan Newby, Chairman, accepted the proposed substitute, no objections being raised, and the report was referred to the Commission on Interdenominational Relations, by the vote of the

Accepted

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Report
Referred

Report No. 23
Same
Committee
Adopted

Time Ex-
tended to
Complete
This Group
of Reports

Conference, without recommendation, for study and report to the General Conference of 1944.

Report No. 23 of the same Committee (DB-713), Calendar No. 226 (DCA-398), Title: "Co-operating Committees," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 585.

Bishop H. Lester Smith announced the time of recess was nearing, and Fred G. Rauschkolb (Southern Illinois) moved (DB-714) that the time be extended to finish the reports in this group, and to hear some brief matters that must be acted upon before recess. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 24
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 24 of the same Committee (DB-715), Calendar No. 227 (DCA-398 and 399), Title: "Board of Temperance Sharing in General Conference Benevolences," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 585.

Report No. 25
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 25 of the same Committee (DB-716), Calendar No. 228 (DCA-399), Title: "Church Membership," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 585.

Report No. 26
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 26 of the same Committee (DB-717), Calendar No. 229 (DCA-399), Title: "Trustees of Charges," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 586.

Report No. 27
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 27 of the same Committee (DB-718), Calendar No. 230 (DCA-399), Title: "Executive Secretary, Board of Temperance," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 586.

C. O. Jones
Moves to
Elect E. H.
Cherrington
Executive
Secretary
Board of
Temperance

Charles O. Jones (Ohio) moved (DB-719) that, in order to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 1196, the Conference proceed to the elec-

tion of an Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance, who shall hold office until an Executive Secretary is elected by the Board in accordance with the legislation just enacted, and that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to cast its ballot for the present Executive Secretary, Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington.

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The motion, duly seconded by Willard G. Cram (Kentucky) prevailed.

W. G. Cram
Seconds
Motion

The motion was then put instructing the Secretary to cast the vote of the General Conference for Ernest H. Cherrington as Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, and it was unanimously adopted.

Motion
Adopted

The Secretary of the General Conference in accordance with the action just taken cast the ballot of the General Conference of The Methodist Church for Ernest H. Cherrington as Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church.

Vote Cast for
E. H. Cherrington

Bishop H. Lester Smith thereupon declared that Ernest H. Cherrington is duly elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church.

E. H. Cherrington
Declared
Elected

Report No. 28, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy (DB-720), Calendar No. 231 (DCA-399), Title: "Handbook, pages 458 to 473," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 586.

Report No. 28
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 29 of the same Committee (DB-721), Calendar No. 232 (DCA-399), Title: "Reports in the Handbook," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 587.

Report No. 29
Same
Committee
Adopted

Motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed (DB-722) that the Council of Bishops be authorized to publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* any Committees or Com-

Committees,
Commissions
to Be
Published

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of Boards,
etc.

missions not announced to the Conference, and that the same be and are hereby confirmed and approved.

On motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, the following (DB-723) was adopted:

"In order to facilitate the organization of the new Boards and agencies after the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences and in order to make the legal status of their new membership clear

"(1) The Secretary of the General Conference is hereby directed to secure from the Secretaries of the various Jurisdictional Conferences certified lists of the names and addresses of those whom the Jurisdictional Conferences have elected to the various General Boards and agencies and to send these lists to the Bishops designated as Conveners, and

"(2) The Bishops named as Conveners are hereby authorized to issue the official call to these persons for the purpose of organizing these various Boards and agencies. In this organization meeting the certified lists from the Secretary of the General Conference will be regarded as the credentials of those whom the various Jurisdictions have elected."

Report No. 15
Membership,
Lay Activities and
Temporal
Economy
Reconsidered

J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania) requested that common consent be given for the reconsideration of Report No. 15 of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy (DB-702), Calendar No. 218 (DCA-397), Title: "Duties of Conference Treasurer," for a very important correction. The Conference, by common consent, granted reconsideration.

Amended by
Common
Consent

J. Edgar Skillington then requested common consent (DB-274) to place a period (.) after the word "work" in line thirteen, page 397 (DCA), top of column two, and strike out the remainder of the sentence, which reads as follows: "according to the percentages fixed by the General Commission on World Service and Finance," found in lines thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, and gave the reasons this should be done. No objec-

tion being raised by the Committee or the Conference, the action requested was taken by common consent.

The report was then re-adopted, as amended, by common consent, no objection being raised by the Committee or the Conference.

Bishop Herbert Welch was recognized on a privileged matter and presented the nominations (DB-725) of the Council of Bishops for the Committee on Overseas Relief, as follows:

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Report
Re-adopted

Committee on
Overseas
Relief

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Bishop Herbert Welch.

Rev. J. V. Claypool, New England Southern Conference.

H. N. Holmes, New York East Conference.

Mrs. W. C. Scott, Baltimore Conference.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Bishop W. Walter Peele.

Rev. Lester Rumble, North Georgia Conference.

T. Austin Finch, Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, North Carolina Conference.

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw.

Rev. J. B. Cooke, Florida Conference.

T. W. Kess, Washington Conference.

Mrs. Dorothy E. McNorton, East Tennessee.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf.

Rev. W. G. Pulliam, Illinois Conference.

H. B. Earheart, Detroit Conference.

Mrs. H. O. DeWeese, North Indiana Conference.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Bishop William C. Martin.

Rev. J. O. Haymes, Northwest Texas Conference.

Carl Hollis, Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Texas Conference.

WESTERN JURISDICTION

Bishop of the Portland Area.

Rev. W. B. Spaulding, Montana Conference.

J. D. Crummey, California Conference.

Mrs. P. W. Sweet, Pacific Northwest Conference.

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Elected

Recess

Reconvene

Devotions

On motion (DB-726) of Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon), duly seconded, the nominations were confirmed.

Various announcements were made, and Bishop H. Lester Smith declared the Conference to be in recess for five minutes.

Bishop H. Lester Smith called the Conference to order at 10:35 A.M. and requested James R. Houghton to lead in the singing of a hymn. The Conference joined in the singing of the refrain of "Are Ye Able?" the verses of which were sung by James R. Houghton as a solo.

Bishop Lester H. Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented the following report (DB-727) and the Conference, by vote, adopted the same:

Report of
Council of
Bishops on
Footnote

REPORT ON FOOTNOTE TO ARTICLE 23, ARTICLES OF RELIGION

The Uniting Conference referred the matter pertaining to the footnote to the XXIII Article of Religion to the Council of Bishops.

The Council has given study to the reference and reports progress.

H. LESTER SMITH,
Secretary of the Council of Bishops.

Dates, Places
and Con-
veners of
Boards, etc.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, announced the dates, places of meeting and Conveners for the organization of the various Boards and Commissions. The Conference, by common consent, approved and authorized the same, as follows (DB) :

The Board of Missions and Church Extension, Chicago, July 23, to noon, July 25. Bishop Charles C. Selecman, the Convener.

The Board of Education, Chicago, July 25, from noon to July 26. Bishop Raymond J. Wade.

The Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, July 27. Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

The Board of Pensions, Chicago, July 27. Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf.

The Board of Temperance, Chicago, July 27. Bishop William C. Martin.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago, July 27. Bishop Charles W. Flint.

The Commission on World Peace, Chicago, July 27, Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam and Paul B. Kern, the Bishops on the Commission.

The Commission on Evangelism, July 27, Chicago, Bishop Charles C. Seceman.

Bishop H. Lester Smith, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, presented nominations (DB-729) for the Commission on Place and Entertainment of the Next General Conference. On motion (DB-730) of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, they were approved, as follows:

Rev. Frederick B. Newell, New York, N. Y.; Jackson C. McQuiston, Wilkesburg, Pa.; Rev. Walter A. Stanbury, Asheville, N. C.; Elias C. Watson, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. Aubry S. Moore, Chicago, Ill.; Troy W. Appleby, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Stanley E. Crannum, Austin, Texas; John A. Patton, Indianapolis, Ind.; Robert H. Harper, Alexandria, La.; Leslie J. Lyons, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Charles E. Schofield, Denver, Colo.; J. Wesley Hole, Los Angeles, Cal.

On motion (DB-731) of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, Edgar R. Heckman, First Assistant Secretary, and Harry L. Upperman, Second Assistant Secretary, were elected to assist in the editing of the Journal of the General Conference.

Motion (DB-732) of Elmer E. Collins (Montana), seconded by Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee), prevailed, requesting Bishop Arthur J. Moore, General Evangeline Booth, and Bishop Charles L. Mead to furnish, if possible, copies of their addresses delivered Sunday, May 5, and that they be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* if secured.

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) moved (DB-733) a reconsideration of Report No. 11, Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Econ-

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Commission
on Enter-
tainment
Next
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Assistant
Editors of
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C. A. Jones
 Moves to
 Amend

omy (DB-698), Calendar No. 205 (DCA-394 and 395) for the purpose of making a correction. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Charles A. Jones (Ohio) moved to delete (DB-734) the following words, "entitled 'Inter-Board Commission for the Promotion of Benevolences,'" in lines two and three, Item 7, at the top of the first column, page 395 (DCA). The motion was duly seconded.

R. F. Curl
 Speaks

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas) spoke to the motion to delete.

Amended

The motion to delete, being put, was adopted.

Report
 Re-adopted

Motion of Nathan Newby, Chairman (DB-735), duly seconded, prevailed, re-adopting the report.

Overseas Relief Funds

By common consent, the Conference authorized that the funds collected April 29 for overseas relief, be used under the direction of the Committee on Overseas Relief elected this morning.

Report No. 18
 Ministry
 Adopted

Report No. 18, Committee on Ministry (DB-736), Calendar No. 206 (DCA-395), Title: "Basis of Episcopal Election," was presented by Orien W. Fifer (Indiana), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 597.

Report No. 19
 Ministry
 Adopted

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-737), Calendar No. 255 (DCA-445), Title: "Assignment of Retired Bishops," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 598.

Report No. 20
 Ministry
 Presented

Report No. 20 of the same Committee (DB-738), Calendar No. 256 (DCA-445), Title: "Assignment of Bishops," was presented by Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, who stated that a quorum was not present when the report was considered in Committee, but that those present had requested the Chairman to ask the General Conference to receive the report. No objection being raised, the Conference, by common consent, received the re-

Adopted

port. On motion of Orien W. Fifer, Chairman, duly seconded, the report was adopted. For report see page 598.

Report No. 37, Committee on Education (DB-739), Calendar No. 95 (DCA-256), Title: "Committee on the Local Church," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 532.

Report No. 49 of the same Committee (DB-740), Calendar No. 179 (DCA-336), Title: "Committee on Missionary Education and Co-ordination," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 538.

Report No. 46 of the same Committee (DB-741), Calendar No. 164 (DCA-334), Title: "Instructions to the Committee on Editorial Revision upon Paragraph Arrangement in the New Discipline," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 537.

Report No. 47 of the same Committee (DB-742), Calendar No. 165 (DCA-334), Title: "World Service Sunday," was presented by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, who requested permission, on behalf of the Committee, to withdraw the report. No objection being raised from the Committee, or by the Conference, the report was withdrawn.

This completed the work of the Committee on Education, and Arlo A. Brown, Chairman, in behalf of the Committee, thanked the Conference for its co-operation.

Report No. 3, Committee on Missions and Church Extension (DB-743), Calendar No. 201 (DCA-394), Title: "Scarritt College," was presented by Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 599.

Report No. 8 of the same Committee (DB-

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Report No. 37
Education
Adopted

Report No. 49
Education
Adopted

Report No. 46
Education
Adopted

Report No. 47
Education
Withdrawn

A. A. Brown
Thanks
Conference

Report No. 3
Missions and
Church
Extension
Adopted

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Committee
Adopted

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744), Calendar No. 243 (DCA-401), Title: "Reference to Board of Missions and Church Extension," was presented by Roy L. Smith, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was referred to the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Resolution
T. S. Brock
"Inter-
territorial
Transfers"

Thomas S. Brock (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Conference Claimants, presented the resolution (DB-521) on "Inter-Territorial Transfers" (DCA-389), ordered printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, by action of the Conference on Saturday, May 4, and moved (DB-745) its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

F. B. Newell
Moves to
Refer

Fred B. Newell (New York East) moved (DB-746) that all matters covered by this resolution be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation. The motion being duly seconded, Fred B. Newell spoke to the same.

Thomas S. Brock spoke in favor of the resolution.

Pervious
Question
Ordered

Fred G. Rauschkolb (Southern Illinois) moved (DB-747) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the previous question on all before the Conference was ordered.

Amendment
Lost
Resolution
Adopted

The motion of Fred B. Newell to refer was not adopted. The resolution was adopted. For resolution see page 485.

Report No. 15
Conferences
Presented

Report No. 15, Committee on Conferences (DB-527), which was considered Saturday, May 4, and referred to a Joint Committee of Ten, five each from the Committee on Conferences and the Committee on Ministry, was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, who requested Lewis O. Hartman (New England) to present the report.

L. O. Hart-
man Ex-
plains
Report

Lewis O. Hartman made this statement: "It is understood that we bring back this report unchanged, with the amendments which you adopted

on Saturday, except that we address ourselves to No. 5 in column 2 on page 339, the Section that has to do with Episcopal Supervision in the foreign field."

Lewis O. Hartman then presented the following (DB-748), agreed on by the Joint Committee of Ten as a substitute for the matter found on page 339 (DCA), column two, Section 5, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5:

"Whereas, Section I, Paragraph 8, Section 4, of the Plan of Union gives the General Conference full legislative power 'to provide for the organization, promotion and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America,'

"Therefore, we recommend that for purposes of Residential, Visitation, and in three instances, Residential Episcopal supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences and in emergency situations in Central Conferences, provision be made for the quadrennium 1940-44 according to the following arrangement:

"1. The North Central Jurisdiction shall provide for the Northern Europe Central Conference; the Philippine Islands Central Conference; and the Provisional Central Conferences of Southeastern Asia and Africa, and shall be requested to assign Missionary Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Singapore and Manila, for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Philippine Island Central Conference and the Provisional Central Conference of Southeastern Asia; and Missionary Bishop John M. Springer to Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Africa Provisional Central Conference.

"2. The Southeastern Jurisdiction shall provide for the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference.

"3. The South Central Jurisdiction shall provide for the Latin America Central Conference and for visitation to the Affiliated Autonomous Churches of Latin America.

"4. The Western Jurisdiction shall provide for visitation of the Mission Councils of Japan and Korea.

"5. The Northeastern Jurisdiction shall provide for an area in the Central Conference of Southern Asia, and shall be requested to assign Bishop Brenton T. Bradley to Delhi, India, for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Central Conference of Southern Asia.

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"If during the ensuing quadrennium any emergency in Episcopal supervision should arise in any of the foreign fields covered by the foregoing provisions, the Council of Bishops may provide the necessary Episcopal supervision.

"The foregoing arrangement is made with the understanding that it does not necessitate the election of any new Bishop for purposes of Episcopal supervision in foreign fields."

Substitute
Accepted by
Common
Consent

The Conference, by common consent, accepted the above substituted matter, presented by the Joint Committee of Ten, as a part of the report.

Lewis O. Hartman (New England) moved the adoption of the entire report. The motion being duly seconded, Lewis O. Hartman spoke to the motion to adopt the entire report.

F. P. Corson
Moves to
Amend

Fred P. Corson (Pennsylvania) moved to amend by stating that the Bishops having foreign residence, but assigned to certain Jurisdictions in the United States, shall be in addition to the quota fixed in Paragraph 406, 1939 Discipline of The Methodist Church. The motion was duly seconded

Amendment
Lost

Lewis O. Hartman spoke to the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

Previous
Question
Ordered

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) moved (DB-749) the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on all before the Conference.

D. L. Marsh
Makes
Request

Daniel L. Marsh (New England) requested as a matter of courtesy that the floor be given to J. Beverly F. Shaw (Mississippi) who had gone to the platform earlier in the day under a misunderstanding to offer an amendment, and had been given the floor at that time.

By common consent, as a matter of courtesy, the floor was granted to J. Beverly F. Shaw.

J. B. F. Shaw
Moves to
Amend

J. Beverly F. Shaw (Mississippi) moved to amend (DB-750) by striking out the words "which

are not included in Central Conferences or in the territory of Affiliated Autonomous Churches and," found in lines three, four and five, under Item 1 (Provisional Central Conferences), page 338 (DCA), column three; and, further, to insert an additional paragraph in the Discipline to be numbered 446 which shall read:

"The work within the territory of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, shall be organized into a Provisional Central Conference, and the Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction shall assign one of their number to furnish the necessary Episcopal supervision for that field."

The motion being duly seconded, J. Beverly F. Shaw spoke to the same.

Lewis O. Hartman spoke to the amendment. The amendment was not adopted.

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi) renewed his motion (DB-751) for the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed and the previous question was ordered on all before the Conference.

Lewis O. Hartman, representing the Committee on Conferences, closed the debate, during which he called attention to the following corrections and changes, all of which were accepted by common consent, no objections being raised by the Committee or by the Conference (DB-752):

1. Page 338 (DCA), column one; add at the end of Paragraph 405 on Retired Bishops the following: "provided, that until the meeting of the General Conference in 1944, the provisions contained in the report on World Service and Finance shall prevail."

2. Take the paragraph at the top of column two, page 338 (DCA) which reads, "Page 132, Par. 420." In lines 6 and 7 change "one" to "two." Compare with Par. 452, line 7, for conflict and place at the end of the Section "Referred to the

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Editorial Committee of the *Discipline*," found in the same column and page.

3. Page 338 (DCA), second column, Section "Referred to the Editorial Committee of the *Discipline*" change the word "Bishop" to "Bishops" at the end of the Section, reading "Page 124, Par. 407."

4. Page 339 (DCA), column two, seventh line from top of column, change the word "of" to the word "or."

5. In Item 6, page 339 (DCA), column two, eliminate all reference to the Central Conference of Northern Europe and the Central Conference of Southern Asia.

6. Page 339 (DCA), column three, under "III. Europe, (1)" delete the words "and Slavic" in line two.

7. Page 341 (DCA), column two, at bottom of page under (5) change the word "adapt" to "adopt" in line two.

8. Page 471 (DCA), column two, "Amendment to Report No. 15," Item 1, add the words "and Manila" after the word "Singapore" in line eight.

The report was adopted. For report see page 490.

Report
Adopted

Amendment to
Constitution
Proposed

An amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church was presented by Lewis O. Hartman (New England), who moved that it be sent down to the Annual Conferences according to the provisions governing amendments to the Constitution of The Methodist Church. The motion was duly seconded. The proposed amendment is as follows:

"Article II of Paragraph 17, Section V—Central Conferences, Division Two—Conferences, of the Plan of Union now reads:

"The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be Ministerial and Lay in equal numbers, the Ministerial dele-

gates to be elected by the Ministerial members and the Lay delegates by the Lay members of the Annual Conferences." Amend said Paragraph 17 by adding to the paragraph the words "or Mission Conferences," so that Article II of Paragraph 17, Section V—Central Conferences, Division Two—Conferences, of the Plan of Union, when thus amended, shall read:

"The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be Ministerial and Lay in equal numbers, the Ministerial delegates to be elected by the Ministerial members and the Lay delegates by the Lay members of the Annual Conferences, or the Mission Conferences."

A count vote was taken. The Tellers, under the direction of Asa J. Kestle (Ohio), Secretary of Standing Votes, counted separately, the votes for and against, and reported as follows: (DB-753) For the amendment, six hundred and fourteen (614) votes cast; against the amendment, no vote cast.

Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) moved (DB-754) that the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences be authorized to fix the percentage of votes necessary to elect a Bishop. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed unanimously.

Orien W. Fifer (Indiana) moved (DB-755) that the General Conference recommends to the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences that in the election of Bishops, at least three-fifths (3/5) of those present and voting be necessary to elect a Bishop. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas), Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented the following (DB-756) and moved its adoption:

"Amend the Ritual for the Reception of Members, 1939 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1584, by adding an alternative form, as follows:

After the words, "I will," in the seventh line on page 554, insert an alternative form in parentheses, as follows:

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Approved by a
Vote of 614
for; None
against

Jurisdictional
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"(Then those to be received shall stand before the altar, and the Minister, extending to each the right hand of fellowship, shall say: We rejoice to recognize you as members of the Church of Christ, and bid you welcome to all its privileges; and in token of our brotherly love, we give you the right hand of fellowship, and pray that you may be numbered with his people here, and with his saints in glory everlasting.)"

LYNN J. RADCLIFFE,

J. N. R. SCORE.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report No. 23
Membership,
Lay Activities
and
Temporal
Economy
Reconsidered

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, moved (DB-757) to reconsider Report No. 23 of the Committee (DB-713), Calendar No. 226 (DCA-398), Title: "Co-ordinating Committees," for the purpose of a correction. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and reconsideration was ordered.

Amended

Nathan Newby, Chairman, moved to amend by substituting the word "two" for the word "three" in line twelve (DCA-398), column three. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Re-adopted

On motion of Nathan Newby, Chairman, duly seconded, the report as amended was re-adopted. For report see page 585.

Report No. 13
Same
Committee
Presented

Report No. 13 of the same Committee (DB-758), Calendar No. 216 (DCA-396 and 397), Title: "Enabling Act for the Administration of the Work of the Board of Lay Activities," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

G. L. More-
lock Moves
to Amend

George L. Morelock (Memphis) moved to amend (DB-759) by striking out the last paragraph (DCA-397), column one. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Amended
Report
Re-adopted

Motion of Nathan Newby, Chairman, duly seconded, prevailed, adopting the report as amended. For report see page 581.

Report No. 30 of the same Committee (DB-760), Calendar No. 245 (DCA-401), Title: "The Report of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as Contained in the General Conference Handbook, pages 416-435," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 587.

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Report No. 30
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 31 of the same Committee (DB-761), Calendar No. 246 (DCA-401), Title: "Promotion of World Service in Local Church," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 587.

Report No. 31
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 32 of the same Committee (DB-762), Calendar No. 247 (DCA-401), Title: "Early Methodist Shrines," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 588.

Report No. 32
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 33 of the same Committee (DB-763), Calendar No. 248 (DCA-401 and 402), Title: "Use of word 'Methodist,'" was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 588.

Report No. 33
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 34 of the same Committee (DB-764), Calendar No. 249 (DCA-402), Title: "Old Age Security for Lay Workers," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 588.

Report No. 34
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 35 of the same Committee (DB-765), Calendar No. 250 (DCA-402), Title: "Certificate of Transfer of Membership," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 589.

Report No. 35
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 36 of the same Committee (DB-766), Calendar No. 251 (DCA-402), Title: "Preparatory Membership Manuals," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, who requested com-

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mon consent to withdraw the report, as the matter had been taken care of by another report. The Conference granted the request, by common consent, and the report was withdrawn.

Report No. 37
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 37 of the same Committee (DB-767), Calendar No. 253 (DCA-402), Title: "Non-Concurrence Memorials," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 589.

Report No. 38
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 38 of the same Committee (DB-768), Calendar No. 254 (DCA-402 and 403), Title: "Report on Six Miscellaneous Memorials," was presented by Nathan Newby, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 590.

Report No. 21
Education
Adopted

Report No. 21, Committee on Education (DB-770), Calendar No. 119 (DCA-290), Title: "Referring to Memorials 671, 664, 661, 668, 665, 662, 663 and 660," was presented by Arlo A. Brown (Newark), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 525.

Report No. 17
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 17, Committee on Conferences (DB-771), Calendar No. 207 (DCA-395), Title: "Enabling Act, California Oriental Mission," was presented by George W. Henson (Philadelphia), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 512.

Report No. 18
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 18 of the same Committee (DB-772), Calendar No. 208 (DCA-395 and 396), Title: "Enabling Act Continuing Certain Conferences," was presented by George Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 512.

Report No. 19
Conferences
Adopted

Report No. 19 of the same Committee (DB-773), Calendar No. 209 (DCA-396), Title: "Enabling Act for Latin American Mission," was presented by George W. Henson, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 513.

Report No. 20 of the same Committee (DB-774), Calendar No. 210 (DCA-396), Title: "Enabling Act for the Pacific Japanese Mission," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 513.

Report No. 22 of the same Committee (DB-775), Calendar No. 212 (DCA-396), Title: "Missions and Mission Conferences," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 513.

Report No. 23 of the same Committee (DB-776), Calendar No. 213 (DCA-396), Title: "Reference to Committee on Forms," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 514.

Report No. 24 of the same Committee (DB-777), Calendar No. 214 (DCA-214), Title: "Uniform Form for Annual Conference Journal," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 514.

Report No. 21 of the same Committee (DB-778), Calendar No. 211 (DCA-396), Title: "Conference Committees," was presented by George W. Henson, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 513.

George W. Henson, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, presented the following resolution (DB-779), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted:

"WHEREAS, it has been reported from many sections of the Church that there was confusion in the method of balloting for Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference, resulting in two plans of election; and

"WHEREAS, there should be uniformity of method; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the General Conference recommends

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to the Annual Conferences that the delegates to the General Conference be first elected on a separate ballot to be followed, after all the Delegates to the General Conference have been elected, by balloting for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference as reserves to the General Conference."

Enabling Acts
in Discipline

On motion of Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, duly seconded, the following (DB-780) was adopted:

"That all Enabling Acts shall be lifted out of the legislation and placed in a Section of *Discipline* reserved for that purpose, and that these Acts shall be arranged under proper headings."

Report No. 41
Enabling
Acts and
Legal Forms
Adopted

Report No. 41, Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-781), to apply to Calendar No. 208 (DCA-476), Title: "Enabling Acts Continuing Certain Annual Conferences," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 557.

Report No. 13
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Committee
Adopted

Report No. 13 of the same Committee (DB-782), Calendar No. 203 (DCA-394), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Pacific Japanese Mission to Organize Into A Mission Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 547.

Report No. 14
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 14 of the same Committee (DB-783), Calendar No. 204 (DCA-394), Title: "Enabling Act Permitting Hawaii Mission to Organize Into A Mission Conference," was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, unanimously adopted. For report see page 548.

Proposed
Addition to
Report No.
24 Same
Committee

No objection being raised, the Conference, by unanimous common consent, granted the request of Ralph E. Diffendorfer to have the following amendment added to Report No. 24, Committee

on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-690), Calendar No. 239 (DCA-400), Title: "Representation in Jurisdictional Conference Boards of Education":

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"2. That the provisions as stated in this paragraph shall apply to the other Jurisdictional Boards and Agencies, as their need may require."

On motion of Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, duly seconded, the amendment was unanimously adopted and added to Report No. 24, Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-690), Calendar No. 239 (DCA-400), Title: "Representation in Jurisdictional Conference Boards of Education."

Unanimously
Adopted

W. L. Cash (Louisville) called attention to the fact that Report No. 13, Committee on Conferences (DB-784), Calendar No. 172 (DCA-335), Title: "Quarterly Conference Records," and Report No. 14, Committee on Conferences (DB-785), Calendar No. 172 (DCA-835), Title: "Quarterly Conference Records," had not been adopted.

Reports Nos.
13 and 14
Conferences
Withdrawn

George W. Henson, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, requested common consent to withdraw both reports, as the matters in each had been taken care of in the report on Quarterly Conferences. The Conference granted the request of the Chairman, there being no objections raised, and the reports were withdrawn.

Resuming the reports from the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, stated that the reports now to be presented should be adopted by a count vote.

Statement of
A. A. Cal-
laghan

Charles A. Robbins (Pacific Northwest) moved (DB-786) that inasmuch as a count vote had been taken on the Constitutional Amendment proposed in Report No. 15, Committee on Conferences (DB-527), Calendar No. 185 (DCA-337, 338, 339, 340, 341 and 342), Title: "Central Conferences," and

Count Vote
Ordered

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Report No. 30
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Report No. 31
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Report No. 32
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that the Enabling Acts now to be presented were recommended in this Report, that the count vote already taken on the Constitutional Amendment in this Report be accepted as the count vote of each of the proposed Enabling Acts. The motion, duly seconded, unanimously prevailed.

The set time for adjournment nearing, motion (DB-787) of Orrin W. Auman (Colorado), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended to complete all necessary business.

Report No. 28, Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (DB-788), Title: "Enabling Act Regarding Germany Central Conference," (DCA-444) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 552.

Report No. 29 of the same Committee (DB-789), Title: "Switzerland Annual Conference," (DCA-443-444) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 552.

Report No. 30 of the same Committee (DB-790), Title: "Enabling Act Regarding the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 553.

Report No. 31 of the same Committee (DB-791), Title: "Enabling Act Regarding Africa Provisional Central Conference," (DCA-444), was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 554.

Report No. 32 of the same Committee (DB-792), Title: "The China Central Conference,"

(DCA-444) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 554.

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Report No. 33 of the same Committee (DB-793), Title: "The Central Conference of Southern Asia," (DCA-444) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 554.

Report No. 33
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Committee
Adopted

Report No. 34 of the same Committee (DB-794), Title: "The Latin America Central Conference," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 554.

Report No. 34
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 35 of the same Committee (DB-795), Title: "The Northern Europe Central Conference," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 555.

Report No. 35
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 36 of the same Committee (DB-796), Title: "The Philippine Islands Central Conference," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 555.

Report No. 36
Same
Committee
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Report No. 37 of the same Committee (DB-797), Title: "Episcopal Vacancies," (DCA-444) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 555.

Report No. 37
Same
Committee
Adopted

Report No. 38 of the same Committee (DB-798), Title: "Enabling Act Concerning Kalgan Mission Conference," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote

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Report No. 39
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of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 556.

Report No. 39 of the same Committee (DB-799), Title: "California Oriental Mission," (DCA-443), was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 556.

Report No. 40
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Committee
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Report No. 40 of the same Committee (DB-800), Title: "Continuance of Methodist Protestant Commissions and Offices." (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 556.

Report No. 42
Same
Committee
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Report No. 42 of the same Committee (DB-801), Title: "Enabling Act Concerning the Commission on Courses of Study and the Distribution of Funds for Ministerial Education," (DCA-443) was presented by Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted by a count vote of 614 for, and none against. For report see page 557.

A. A.
Callaghan
Thanked the
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Conference

Arthur A. Callaghan, Chairman, expressed his thanks to the Committee for their work and in behalf of the Committee, thanked the Conference for its co-operation.

Change
Ordered by
Common
Consent in
Report No.
23, Mem-
bership,
Lay Activi-
ties and
Temporal
Economy

Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona), Chairman of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, requested unanimous common consent to change the word "five" to the word "three" in line ten; and the word "two" to the word "one" in line eleven of Report No. 23 (DB-713), Calendar No. 226 (DCA-398), Title: "Co-operating Committees," in order to harmonize the report with Report No. 17, Committee on Education (DB-437), Calendar No. 83 (DCA-252), Title: "Committee on Co-operation With the Board of Lay Activities," adopted Fri-

day night, May 3, 1940. The Conference, by unanimous common consent, authorized the changes requested.

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Report No. 11, Committee on State of the Church (DB-802), Calendar No. 101 (DCA-257), Title: "Study of Capital Punishment," was presented by Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 672.

Report No. 11
State of the
Church
Adopted

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Rules (DB-803), was presented by J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For report see page 698.

Report No. 4
Committee
on Rules
Adopted

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Rules (DB-804), was presented by J. Edgar Skillington, Chairman, and, on his motion, duly seconded, adopted. For report see page 697.

Report No. 3
Same
Committee
Adopted

Motion of J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania), duly seconded, prevailed, that the Conference rescind the action taken on the motion of Fred D. Stone (Rock River) on Thursday, April 25, 1940 (DCA-40 and 57), relative to having two groups of Committees meeting on alternate days, for the General Conference of 1944.

Marion E. Lazenby (North Alabama), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, submitted Report No. 10 (DB-805), and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted without reading, and ordered published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. For report see page 694.

Report No. 10
Committee
on
Credentials
Adopted

The Order of the Day having arrived, the consideration of miscellaneous Resolutions, motion of George W. Henson (Philadelphia), duly seconded, prevailed that all Resolutions be presented, without debate, and voted upon.

Miscellaneous
Business

William F. McMurry (Memphis) presented Resolutions (DB-806) relative to the transfer of funds to the General Commission on World Serv-

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ice and Finance, and, on his motion, duly seconded, they were adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

WHEREAS, The General Commission on World Service and Finance under the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church is charged with the duty of receiving, holding and distributing the General Administration Fund, the General Benevolence or World Service Fund, and the Episcopal Fund of The Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, The said Commission succeeds in right to certain balances, funds, monies, securities and properties now in the hands of the Treasurers and other duly designated agencies of the three former Churches now united to form The Methodist Church, namely, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and

WHEREAS, Due provision must be made and proper authority given under which such Treasurers and agencies of said constituent Churches to wit: Whitmore & Smith, Treasurers (of the General Administration and certain other General Benevolence Funds of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South); George C. Douglass, Treasurer (of the Episcopal Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church); O. Grant Markham, Treasurer (of the Administration Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church); Orrin W. Auman, Treasurer (of the World Service Funds of the Methodist Episcopal Church); H. C. Staley, Treasurer (of the Administration and Benevolent Funds of the Methodist Protestant Church), their successors, if any, and any and all other Agencies, Treasurers, or Corporations in any of said respective constituent Churches holding or charged with funds, balances, securities, monies, or property which the General Conference or the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church has committed to, being held or administered by said General Commission on World Service and Finance, may properly pay and deliver to such General Commission such balances, monies, funds, securities and property and obtain proper receipt therefore and be fully and properly released from obligation, liability or responsibility therefore after making proper accounting of such trust and obligation; and

WHEREAS, A date as of which such settlement and ac-

counting shall be made should be fixed and due authority and direction given therefor:

Now therefore be it resolved, That the close of business May 31, 1940, is fixed as the date as of which said Treasurers and agencies of the respective former Churches, including such other Treasurers, agencies or corporations as may or do hold balances, funds, securities, monies, or property committed to said General Commission on World Service and Finance, shall close their respective accounts and deliver to the said Commission all monies, balances, securities, funds and properties in their respective bands, and

Be it further resolved, That the General Commission on World Service and Finance is hereby authorized and directed to cause their several accounts to be audited by Certified Public Accountants selected by it; one copy of such audit shall be delivered to the custodian of each account audited, one copy delivered to the Treasurer of the said General Commission and the original retained by the said General Commission in its official records. Upon the payment, assignment, conveyance and delivery by such custodian, Treasurer, or agency to the Treasurer of said General Commission of the money, balances, securities, funds and property which said respective audits reveal to be held by and due from such custodian, Treasurer, or agency the said Treasurer of said General Commission shall issue his official receipt therefor in duplicate and said receipt shall be a full settlement, release and discharge of such Treasurer, agency or custodian of and from all obligation, liability or responsibility, one of said receipt to be held by said payor and the other to be filed by him with the sureties on his bond.

Be it further resolved, That said Treasurers, custodians, and agencies shall after May 31, 1940, promptly and without entering same on their records forward directly to the said Treasurer of said General Commission any and all monies, funds or securities committed to said General Commission coming into their hands thereafter.

Be it further resolved, That each and every Conference or Local Treasurer whose duty it is to collect, receive and transmit funds, securities, or money committed or to be administered by said General Commission is authorized and directed after May 31, 1940, to make all such remittances and deliveries thereof directly to the Treasurer of said General Commission on World Service and Finance. The Treasurer of said General Commission shall issue his official receipt therefor.

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Be it further resolved, That a copy hereof shall be sent by the Secretary of said General Commission to each Treasurer or agency referred to herein.

Be it further resolved, That nothing in this resolution shall be held or construed to require interference with the title of any Trustee to any trust which is personal to him and the income or beneficial interest from which forms a part of any fund to be received or administered by said General Commission provided that in each such instance the same General Commission is declared the successor beneficiary thereof.

Be it further resolved, That the expense incident and necessary to carrying out this resolution shall be a proper charge upon the funds so delivered and transferred and shall be paid therefrom by said General Commission.

On motion of W. F. Bryan (Texas), duly seconded, the following (DB-807) was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Conference in Atlantic City, N. J., requests the Jurisdictional Conferences not to set up Jurisdictional Boards that will entail expense or employ salaried Jurisdictional officers for the quadrennium 1940-44.

W. F. BRYAN,
GEORGE W. HENSON,
J. W. PERRY,
J. A. BAYS,
GUY F. JONES,
DANIEL L. MARSH,
ROY L. SMITH,
ORIEN W. FIFER,
G. RAY JORDAN.

Resolution on
Tobacco

A Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) presented a Resolution (DB-808) relative to tobacco, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we instruct the editors of the *Discipline* of 1940 to include in the Appendix to the *Discipline* in whatever Declaration on Temperance will be included therein, or in a separate Paragraph as they may determine, the following statement:

We are deeply concerned over the increase in the use of tobacco, especially among youth, and we protest against

the misleading and suggestive advertisements for the promotion of its sale. In the interest of a larger Christian influence and service we issue our solemn warning to youth against all such deceptive propaganda and urge them to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms.

A. WESLEY PUGH,
MARSHALL R. REED,
ROY L. SMITH,
HENRY H. CRANE,
ORIEN W. FIFER,
WM. C. HARTINGER,
THOMAS S. BROCK,
ALFRED F. HUGHES.

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On motion of Thomas D. Ellis (South Georgia), duly seconded, Resolutions (DB-809) relative to Ecumenical Conference were adopted as follows:

Ecumenical
Conference

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Resolved, That we have heard with sorrow of the necessitative postponement of the Ecumenical Conference, and instruct our Bishops to make provisions for representation should peace come, and the holding such Conference be deemed advisable;

Resolved further, That attention be hereby called to the outline of Ecumenical Methodist history as found in the Handbook of the General Conference, pages 496-499.

Resolved further, That the Methodist Ecumenical Council, Western Section, be requested to express the affection and good wishes of the General Conference to all other Methodist denominations. The Editors of the *Discipline* of our Church are hereby authorized to print in the next edition the names of our representatives in the Western Ecumenical Council, as they are found on page 498 of the Handbook.

T. D. ELLIS,
H. T. FREEMAN,
P. N. GARBER,
JAMES R. JOY.

E. D. Kohlstedt, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension, presented a Resolution (DB-810) relative to Distribution of World Service Funds, and on motion of Frank E. Lockridge (Dakota) (DB-811), duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

Distribution
of World
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WHEREAS, The Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance is not authorized to distribute World Service Funds to the present Boards and Agencies after June 1, 1940; therefore

Resolved, That the Treasurer of said General Commission on World Service and Finance be and hereby is authorized and empowered to distribute World Service Funds, according to the ratios adopted by the General Conference, to the respective Treasurers selected by the ad interim Committees or organizations of those Boards and Agencies, under the Commission on World Service and Finance, until the new Boards have been organized and are functioning.

BISHOP A. FRANK SMITH, *Chairman*;
E. D. KOHLSTEDT, *Secretary*.

Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Time of Meeting of Jurisdictional Conferences

J. N. R. Score (Central Texas) presented a Resolution (B-812) relative to the time of meeting of Jurisdictional Conferences, and, on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:

Be It Resolved, That Paragraph 429 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church of 1939 be amended by the insertion of the following words, "but not earlier than six weeks after the convening of the General Conference," in line 3 of said paragraph, following the word "Conference," so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

Paragraph 429. Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet within the twelve months succeeding the meeting of the General Conference, but not earlier than six weeks after the convening of the General Conference, at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Jurisdictional Conference, or by its properly constituted committee.

J. N. R. SCORE,
ORIEN W. FIFER,
AUBREY S. MOORE,
P. E. RILEY,
F. P. CULVER.

Funds of Women's Auxiliaries Former Methodist Protestant Church

Miss Bettie S. Brittingham (Peninsula) presented Resolutions (DB-813) relative to Funds of Women's Auxiliaries Former Methodist Protestant Church, and, on her motion, duly seconded, they were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The funds of the Women's Auxiliaries of

the local churches of the former Methodist Protestant Church have been channeled to the Treasurers of the Branches and from them to the Treasurer of the General Conference, for which full credit has been given on the World Service Budget, and

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WHEREAS, The new set-up of the Woman's Division of Christian Service channels funds directly to the Treasurer of the Woman's Division and are not included in the World Service Budget, we move

First, That the funds of the local auxiliaries channel as heretofore until such time as the new Board of Missions and Church Extension may direct otherwise,

Second, That full credit be given to local churches for these funds on the World Service Budget until the meeting of the next Annual Conferences,

Third, That the World Service Commission be requested to take this into consideration when making apportionments to former Methodist Protestant Churches.

MRS. E. B. MILLER (Ohio),

MISS BETTIE S. BRITTINGHAM (Peninsula),

MRS. B. E. DILLON (Southwest Missouri).

Sydney W. Hall (Oregon) presented a Resolution (DB-814) relative to the establishment of a Branch Office of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension in the Western Jurisdiction, as follows:

Establishment
of Branch
Office of
Division on
Home Mis-
sions in
Western Ju-
risdiction

WHEREAS, The Western Jurisdiction contains the major portion of the unsettled land in the United States suitable for settlement, and

WHEREAS, Great irrigation projects are in process of construction or are contemplated, opening new and vast areas for occupation which will eventually attract a great movement of population Westward, and

WHEREAS, The Pacific coast is the last great Western outpost of this nation, and holds a strategic position facing the Orient, therefore

Be it resolved, That the undersigned respectfully petition the General Conference to request the Board of Missions and Church Extension to set up an office as soon as practicable in San Francisco, or other suitable center in the Western Jurisdiction, and to place in this field a

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staff sufficient to oversee the Home Missionary development of this important and growing territory.

ROY L. SMITH (Southern California-Arizona)

JOHN R. KENNEY (California)

SYDNEY W. HALL (Oregon)

CHARLES MACCAUGHEY (Pacific Northwest)

W. H. HERTZOG (Idaho)

Sydney W. Hall (Oregon) moved the adoption of the Resolution. The motion, duly seconded, did not prevail.

C. A. Smith
Withdraws
Resolution

Chester A. Smith (New York) requested common consent (DB-815) to withdraw a Resolution (DCA-393) previously presented by him, as lack of time would prevent its consideration. The Conference unanimously granted the request and the Resolution was withdrawn.

Motion of G.
W. Henson
for Final
Adjourn-
ment and
Meeting of
the 1944
General
Conference

George W. Henson (Philadelphia) moved (DB-816) that after the necessary announcements, and the closing religious devotions in which the Bishops are requested to sing, that the General Conference adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock A.M., the last Wednesday in April, 1944. The motion, duly seconded by Harry L. Upperman (Tennessee) prevailed.

Secretary
Thanks
Conference

Lud H. Estes (Memphis), Secretary of the General Conference, in behalf of the Secretarial Staff, thanked the members of the General Conference for their splendid co-operation in the conduct of the business of the Conference.

Various announcements were made.

Bishop H.
Lester
Smith Re-
signs Chair
to Bishop
Nuelsen

Bishop H. Lester Smith resigned the chair to Bishop John L. Nuelsen, Senior effective Bishop, for the closing services of the first General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Closing of the
Conference

Bishop Nuelsen announced, and the Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty."

The Collect for Purity was recited by the dele-

gates in unison, and Bishop A. Frank Smith then led in prayer.

Under the leadership of Bishop Adna W. Leonard, the Council of Bishops, with Bishop Charles L. Mead at the piano, sang "Beloved Now Are We the Sons of God"; "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"; "O! To Grace How Great a Debtor"; and "When I Tread the Verge of Jordan."

Bishop Nuelsen announced that the Council of Bishops had designated Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes to bring the closing address to the General Conference.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes addressed the General Conference as follows:

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Mr. Chairman, brothers and sisters: I am delivering the closing address on behalf of the Bishops, by request. I shall doubtless never do this again, for the same reason!

For a few moments I would not be too utterly serious since you have been for eleven full working days under the terrific strain of lawmaking you need a place of rest where points of order do not bristle, and where beleaguered Chairmen need no longer to hide their real feelings behind the screen of unconcern.

Like Dickens, we have written a Tale of Two Cities—Kansas City and Atlantic City. The first has in a way been the background of the second. All of us have thought of some contrasts between the Uniting Conference and the General Conference.

There we said, "How do you do," here, "How do you work?" There we listened to Emily Post's Etiquette; here to Mr. Robert's Rules! There we watched to see whether we were liked; here we liked to see whether we were watched! There we had the legalists on the floor for participation; here we got rid of them by judicial elevation! There we regarded each other's pronunciations; here we have scanned each other's legislation! There we saw points of order kicking up a parliamentary dust-bowl; here the points of disorder made the waves shake with the swelling thereof!

There we had a river in which to bury our differences; here we had a whole ocean to serve as a blessed sepulchre! There we got a quarrel out of peace; here we got peace out of a quarrel! There we laid the stress on 4-4-1, and

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dealt in fractions; here we laid the stress on integers and made counting less fatiguing! There we became telescopic and tried to gaze into the distant future; here we became microscopic and searched into the minutest present. There, being married, we moved in; here, being more married, we settled down! There we were too far West to draw the Mason and Dixon line; here we were too far East for the same surveyors. There we mounted an escalator and climbed upward to the emotion of union until we felt like the ascending angels on Jacob's Ladder; here we went through the radio storm doors of debate, until we felt like grist! There we parted with a doubtful word, "I hope to meet you at the General Conference." Here we separate with the confident phrophecy, "I will meet you at the General Judgment in Heaven."

These overstated and semi-humorous contrasts may have occurred to many of you. The comparisons have been far more significant. This one eventful gathering has been the extension of the other. We approached Atlantic City with less trepidation because we had experienced Kansas City. If love out yonder won many trophies, we felt sure that love here would win many more. If the separation of scores of years could be measurably held yonder, we knew well that the union of a year could be more than measurably cemented here. If out there we could take three second-hand suits and combine them to fit an ecclesiastical giant, we felt that we could rely upon the skill of these hundreds of legal haberdashers to complete a presentable wardrobe.

Perhaps I stress the figure too far when I proclaim the faith that our successors will continue the work until they have produced the seamless garment woven throughout in the mystical work of redemption. Kansas City was Chapter I, while Atlantic City is Chapter II, of the Book of Life. Other Chapters will come in their turn and the volume will move to its glorious finale with a revelation showing the Eternal City of God's love.

We have discovered here what might be called geographical music. To those of you who have not before heard them in General Conferences, how lovely have been the names of Michigan, Vermont, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Iowa, Dakota and Idaho! Others have found out that there is singular beauty in the sound of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Carolina, Texas and Louisiana. Even Florida and California have met together, and geographical mercy and untruth have kissed each other!

We have made personal discoveries as follows: A Southerner is a more polite human being who often omits the letter "R" from the alphabet. A Northerner is a more brusque human being who rolls his "R's" as if they were chairs on an oceanic boardwalk. A Methodist Protestant is an emphaziser of lay rights, a quick and skillful elector of Bishops, and a smiling adjuster of himself to an Episcopal environment; and a Wesleyan with an experience no whit different from that of the other two groups of fellow-confessors.

The whole process here has suggested the bringing together of three choirs into a large singing combine in order that the Hallelujah Chorus might be rendered with greater volume and with more spiritual fervor. Nor should we ever forget that beneath all these pleasantries and metaphors the motive that remains central, essential, imperative, is that which demands that the kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and that the divine reign may be forever and ever.

I love to think that the Saviour has been ruling here in these days. He has walked with us by the sea. He has visited with us in the Upper Room. He has passed locked doors and barred windows, and has stood among us, saying, "Peace, be unto you." He has taught us the meaning of the hymn which says,

In Christ there is no North, no South,
In Him no East or West.

Had Kipling been here to acquaint himself with this atmosphere, he would have modified his edict that, "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

Jesus has given us new latitude and new longitude; He has put out of commission the wrong kind of a compass. He has mapped our sections into the geography of his own heart. Surely He has magnified the Methodist itinerary. We have all become great spiritual travelers; because our brothers and sisters from abroad have been present our spirits have roamed their parts of the planet. God has allowed each of us to hear the gospel in the tongue wherein we were born, that is, in the idiom of a redeemed and loving heart. If we are ever narrow again, it will not be because we here learned a mean provincialism. The delegate who goes from this Conference with a contracted soul has indeed been a dull disciple. The Saviour of the World has made us see the World of the Saviour.

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We can all put to ourselves a question that necessitates a negative response: Who has felt in this Conference a sectional spirit? As a member of the Council of Bishops, I testify that we have worked from the beginning of union as one fraternity, and that in all our meetings an unpleasant record of division, even in the sensitive room of the personal spirit, has yet to be made. Our associations, whether individual or corporate, have not only been harmonious, they have been satisfying and delightful beyond all language to tell. It has been the same in these larger rooms of meeting. The sectional soul would have been a foreigner here hearing men speak in a tongue unknown to himself. The township man has been pulled from his smothering retreat and has been pushed into the expansive life of Christ. Here, literally, God has given us visions of the world brotherhood created by his grace and love. If four Greeks coming into the room of the Saviour led him to exult in his coming dominion, how much more right have we in this ecumenical company to see Satan falling and Jesus rising to his exalted rulership. Amid all the strange names that many of us could not pronounce, we have heard insistently the one name that we all know.

Sweetest name on mortal tongue
Sweetest carol ever sung,

and at that name we have knelt before an Eternal Altar and have believed that to Him every knee shall bow and every tongue in all the worlds of God shall be given to the confession of His grace. As we now move quickly to the closing Benediction, let us all repeat in the silent sanctuaries of the heart the final prayer of our Holy Bible, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

I have not sought in this valedictory to recount the details of your legislation. To do that would be to lose you in a glorious wilderness, and would burden my address with arithmetical paragraphs. You have wrought out our laws with great patience. Many of you laymen, in your delegateships in Annual Conference, General Conference, and Jurisdictional Conference, will this year give almost one-twelfth of Christ's calendar to Christ Himself. If this stewardship of time can be extended into other fields, God can accomplish wonderful things through you. From first to last we have had no call to vote "by order." But now Christ is calling both our orders to work constantly for his election as the King of all life. We may even say in a grandly dogmatic fashion that above the booming and

the savage guns of a crimson world, we have held to our faith in the Prince of Peace, each of us having learned how to say,

May Thy will, not mine, be done;
May Thy will and mine be one;
Peace, I ask, but peace must be,
Lord, in being one with Thee,

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knows well that this verse has its application to a suffering world that simply must be brought into the love of Christ. You will all pause with me now for a moment of silent prayer for the peace of the world.

This, dear brothers and sisters, is our farewell message to you. It has been poured out of one heart and has been written in a hotel, on a study table, on a Pullman train, at a railroad station, and all of it in the quick moments seized from the duties of public work and of personal consultation. Yet I am assured that I speak for all my Episcopal comrades, and I pass the challenge on to you in their names. Perhaps the most deeply impressive moment of our Conference came when the Chairman presenting the recommended legislation for our Board of Missions tossed minutiae aside and made an impassioned plea, not for a Report, but for a Program. It would be a thousand pities and a million shames if in the first years of complete Methodist union Christ's Final Commission should be less heeded than it was when the one Church was three Churches.

If one could chase a thousand, three must put far more than 10,000 to flight. So our souls must come to prayer. The petitions that we have offered have been in different phrasing, but the heart of them has been the same. We have appealed to Christ and His people, the Spirit and the Bride, in one outpouring. "O, Christ, command Thou the Church of the saddlebags to its holy modern tasks. O, Christ, give to the Church of Wesley his passion and his purpose, his evangelistic heart and his social earnestness, until once again tears shall make white furrows on the faces of workers, and the world be set on fire with the flame of love. O, Christ, give to the Church of Asbury the patience of the long trail in the forest, the yearning consecration that brooded over log cabins and tiny settlements, and helped to establish the kingdom of Jesus in a new land.

But take my appeal from the past and place it squarely in this present hour. Will you, my beloved Episcopal comrades, rise with me now in witness of a renewed con-

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secration to our Savior and His service? Will you, members of the Judicial Council, stand and unite with us in the pledge to interpret the law of love in Christ to the saving of His world? Will you, Delegates to this General Conference, come to your feet and renew with us our fealty to the Lover of our souls, and without leaving your places still move in reverent surrender to those invisible altars that Jesus here erects for our eager hearts? And will you Methodists, wives, husbands, friends, of the elected representatives in this body, you who love your Church and our Saviour, will you bring your promise to Christ to a holy unanimity by this standing vote for our Redeemer?

For me these walls now turn to glass. Out yonder in the far distances in this land in lonely lands beyond all seas, I behold the millions of our people and the millions of those who still wait for the saving Word. I have the confidence that this spiritual altar service, enlisting the hearts of these leaders of our Church, will lift thousands of shrines for Christ over all His world. We have not only the horizontal windows through which we view the planet as a subject of Redemption; we have a miraculous skylight as well. This is our Bethany. Once again we are on its hill. Once more we hear the Eternal Voice saying, "All authority is given unto me." Once more we catch the promise, "Lo, I am with you." And, as our Savior said at the close of a wondrous conference with His beloved disciples, "Arise, let us go hence." Amen.

Bishop Nuelsen announced that the General Conference would close with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

James R. Houghton led the Conference in the singing of the Doxology.

Benediction by
Bishop
Arthur J.
Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore pronounced the Benediction as follows:

"And now may the grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the love of God, our Eternal Father and Faithful Friend, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen."

Bishop
Nuelsen
Declared
Conference
Adjourned

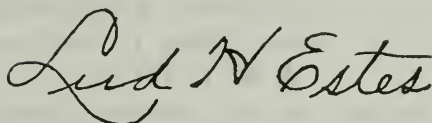
Bishop John L. Nuelsen thereupon declared the first General Conference of The Methodist Church

duly adjourned at 1:55 P.M., Monday, May 6,
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Presiding Bishops of the General Conference.
(DB-817.)

JOHN L. NUELSEN,
URBAN V. W. DARLINGTON,
JAMES C. BAKER,
EDWIN H. HUGHES,
JAMES H. STRAUGHN,
FRANCIS J. MCCONNELL,
CHARLES L. MEAD,
ARTHUR J. MOORE,
ADNA W. LEONARD,
PAUL B. KERN,
ERNEST L. WALDORF,
ERNEST G. RICHARDSON,
A. FRANK SMITH,
ROBERT E. JONES,
EDGAR BLAKE,
IVAN LEE HOLT,
H. LESTER SMITH,
JOHN L. NUELSEN.



*Secretary of the General Conference
of The Methodist Church.*

Atlantic City, New Jersey,
Monday, May 6, 1940.

APPENDIX

REPORTS

The original Reports of the Administrative and Legislative Committees, found listed under Reports, were signed by the Chairman and Secretary of each Committee. The original Reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the General Conference in Document Book, No. 1.

Abbreviations used on Reports of Legislative Committees: M, Total membership of Committee; P, Number present when this Report was adopted; F, Number voting for adoption of Report; A, Number voting against adoption of Report; N, Number not voting.

LUD H. ESTES, *Secretary General Conference.*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

X. COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Chairman, Henry Gilligan (Baltimore).

Secretary, Mrs. Perry Hanson (Shantung).

REPORT NO. 1. CONCERNING AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Calendar No. 10. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 304.

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on the American Bible Society would commend to the attention of the General Conference and the Church seven significant aspects of the Society's work:

1. The century-long inter-dependence of the Church and the Society in the effort to bring the Scriptures to the people of the world in their own tongues.

2. The striking and so far unmet demand for the Scriptures in Latin America and China.

3. The continued activity in making translations into new languages and the improvement of the earlier translations.

4. The new demands, created by the war, for Scriptures for soldiers and refugees and for supplying additional Scriptures in mission fields where the British and Scottish Societies have had to cut their budgets.

5. The extended collaboration of the American, British, Scottish, and Netherlands Bible Societies in eliminating duplication of work, and in establishing a world Council of Bible societies.

6. The service of the Society in keeping the Bible before our peoples through the observance of Bible Sunday and by issuing in eight

years more than 11,500,000 leaflets and pamphlets to encourage Bible reading.

7. The steady prosecution of widespread distribution of the Scriptures, especially among the underprivileged and the blind.

The distribution of 155,000 New Testaments to the C.C.C. enrollees in four years is a noteworthy example.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That all of our pastors and leaders who are concerned with evangelism and with family life be urged to ground all new Christians and all families in their parishes in the practical devotional use of the Scriptures.

2. That the widespread observance of Universal Bible Sunday as fostered by the Bible Society be commended to all our churches.

3. That the Commission on World Service and Finance be instructed to provide for the representation of The Methodist Church upon the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, without the expense to the Church.

VII. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES CLAIMANTS

Chairman, Thomas S. Brock (Newark).

Vice-Chairman, Arthur M. Wells (Illinois).

Secretary, A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi).

REPORT NO. 1. DISTRIBUTION OF PERCENTAGES OF SALARY

Calendar No. 6. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 300.

M, 71; P, 63; F, 46; A, 15

The undersigned, on behalf of the Legislative Committee of The Board of Pensions, respectfully request the General Conference of 1940 to make the following change in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church of 1939:

Amend ¶ 1313, Section 2 by adding a new subdivision to be numbered (5) to read as follows:

(5) One year from the close of the General Conference of 1940, it is recommended that each Annual Conference shall determine whether all contributions made by Conference members in the effective relation for the benefit of Conference Claimants on a percentage-of-salary basis, be currently distributed to the present Conference Claimants of the Annual Conference, but contributions made to the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund are exempt from this recommendation.

REPORT NO. 2. RETIREMENT AGE

Calendar No. 22. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 325.

M, 71; P, 53; F, 53

Amend ¶ 1318, Section 1 by deleting the last sentence and substituting therefor the following:

If retirement takes place before attainment of age sixty-five, for other reasons than personal disability, the right to make an annuity claim from the time of retirement until the member attains that age shall be granted upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference.

REPORT NO. 3. PERCENTAGE OF PAYMENTS FOR WIDOWS

Calendar No. 23. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 325.

M, 71; P, 57; F, 57

Amend ¶ 1321, Section 1 by inserting a footnote which shall apply to the first sentence and which shall read as follows:

The seventy per cent may be raised to seventy-five per cent at the option of the Annual Conference, provided, however, that the exercise

of such option shall not affect the operations of the clearinghouse provided in ¶ 1330.

REPORT NO. 4. ADJUSTED COMPENSATION

Calendar No. 24. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 326.

M, 71; P, 56; F, 56

Delete ¶ 1340, Section 2 and substitute therefor a new Section 2 to read as follows:

¶ 1340, *Section 2.* By special arrangement between the Missouri Corporation and the Illinois Corporation, a compensating allowance may be made to any Annual Conference in the territory of the Missouri Corporation which has merged with an Annual Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church previously entitled to receive a credit payment from the clearinghouse referred to in ¶ 1330, such allowance to be made from funds for relief formerly appropriated for Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church now merged within the territory of the Missouri Corporation. The distribution of such compensation shall be determined by a Committee consisting of the two Executive Secretaries of The Board of Pensions and the decision of such Committee shall be final.

REPORT NO 5. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF DEPENDENT CHILD

Calendar No. 25. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 326.

M, 71; P, 43; F, 35; A, 6

Amend ¶ 1322 by adding a new Section to be numbered 5, to read as follows:

Section 5. After joining the Church, the membership of a dependent child shall be maintained in a Methodist Church and removal of such membership elsewhere shall nullify the claim. Provided, however, that the rule in the first sentence of ¶ 1321, Section 5 may also apply to a dependent child.

REPORT NO. 6. COMMISSION ON PENSION LEGISLATION

Calendar No. 56. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 350.

M, 71; P, 58; F, 58

There shall be a Commission on Pension Legislation which shall consist of one minister and one layman from each Jurisdictional Conference elected by the Board of Pensions from its membership as elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences, and two Bishops to be elected by the Board of Pensions from the Bishops elected by the Council of Bishops to the membership of the Board of Pensions. This Commission shall thoroughly examine the entire annuity system of The Methodist Church and bring such findings and recommendations to the General Conference of 1944 as it may deem wise.

It shall investigate the workings of the plan of "Divided

Annuity Responsibility" in the territory of the Illinois Corporation and the bearings of this problem with reference to the Conferences in the territory of the Missouri Corporation.

In particular, it shall carefully study the feasibility of combining within the territory of a Jurisdictional Conference, or within two or more Jurisdictional Conferences, a definite portion of the annual income for the support of Conference Claimants, received from the pastoral charges within said territory, so as to produce a uniform annuity rate in such territory based on such portion, and payable to all Conference Claimants belonging to Annual Conferences within said territory; the remainder of such income to be wholly under the control of the Annual Conference. The Commission may construct a plan designed to combine a part of the current income as indicated above, subject to the following limitations:

1. The portion of the current income from the Pastoral Charges to be placed in the common fund, in any year, shall not exceed an amount equivalent to six per cent of the cash pastoral salaries of any Annual Conference concerned.

2. In order to set the plan temporarily in operation prior to the General Conference of 1944, in the territory of any Jurisdictional Conference, it shall be necessary to obtain a two-thirds affirmative vote on the plan in each of the Annual Conferences within the said territory.

3. When each of the Annual Conferences within any Jurisdictional Conference has voted in the affirmative on the plan to be made as hereinbefore provided, the operation of it within such territory shall be conducted by the Corporation of the Board of Pensions concerned, and said Corporation shall keep all accounts, connected with the operation of the plan, separate from the accounts involved in the operation of the "Divided Annuity Responsibility" clearinghouse under ¶ 1330 *Discipline* of 1939, and from all other funds.

The Commission shall prepare a thorough going revision of divergent provisions in the two existing codes of rules with a view to harmonizing them as much as may be deemed advisable.

REPORT NO. 7. PRIOR SERVICE YEARS

Calendar No. 74. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 361.

M, 71; P, 54; F, 50; A, 3; N, 1

Amend ¶ 1319, Section 2, by adding thereto a third provision to be classified as (c) which would read as follows:

(c) Years served prior to the Uniting Conference in another Methodist denomination than the one in which membership was held on May 10, 1939.

So that the whole section as amended shall read:

¶ 1319, *Section 2.* The following years of service in the effective relation may not be approved as a basis of annuity claim; (a) Years for which a pension, or any other form of compensation or "deferred

salary," is received from any source other than the Annual Conference; (b) years served, under a special appointment, made after May 29, 1924, with an institution or organization not formally approved by the Annual Conference. Special appointments shall be listed in the Conference Year Book in two divisions, as follows: (1) with annuity claim. (2) without annuity claim. (c) Years served prior to the Uniting Conference in another Methodist denomination than the one in which membership was held on May 10, 1939.

Amend ¶ 1340, Section 1, by striking out the words "except as otherwise herein provided," and substituting therefor the following: "except years served prior to the Uniting Conference in another Methodist denomination than the one in which membership was held on May 10, 1939, so that the whole Section as amended shall read:

¶ 1340, *Section 1.* Service years formerly rendered by Conference Claimants in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Protestant Church, respectively, except years served prior to the Uniting Conference in another Methodist denomination than the one in which membership was held on May 10, 1939, shall be counted for Annuity Claim without discrimination in the Annual Conference included in the territory assigned to the Missouri Corporation.

REPORT NO. 8. CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS IN MISSIONS

Calendar No. 75. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 361.
M, 71; P, 65; F, 65

Delete ¶ 1330, Sec. 4, and substitute therefor the following new Section 4:

Sec. 4. In the case of Conference Claimants whose service has been rendered wholly, or in large part in Missions and Mission Conferences in the United States, revenue for annuity purposes shall be provided (1) by the Annual Conference or Mission Conference concerned in each case, (2) by the Illinois Corporation of the Board of Pensions, and (3) by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Board of Missions; each of the bodies named to be responsible for one-third of the amount needed to meet the payments allowed by the Annual Conference in such cases, provided, however, that the Annual Conference shall be reimbursed by a collection to be taken in the Mission.

The Annual Conference hereunder concerned may fix an annuity rate payable for service rendered as a Pastor, or as a minister in charge of institutional work, in a Mission or Mission Conference, according to the rule in ¶ 1319, Sec. 3, as applied to the pastoral support of such Mission or Mission Conference.

The Annual Conference hereunder concerned shall certify to the participating General Boards the amount of the respective share of each, not later than one month prior to the time when the money is needed for making the payments of annuity. It shall also give previous notice as far ahead as possible concerning the amount of the obligation.

REPORT NO. 9. MEMORIAL CONCERNING CHARTERED FUND
Calendar No. 76. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 362.
M, 71; P, 54; F, 54

The Board of Pensions respectfully memorializes the General Conference of 1940 asking that it amend ¶ 1311, of the *Discipline* of 1939, by eliminating all that follows the word "distributed" in the fifth line of the Paragraph, and by substituting therefor the following: "according to the provisions in ¶ 1308," so that the whole Paragraph, as amended, shall read:

¶ 1311. The assets of the General Fund for Superannuates of The Methodist Protestant Church shall be placed in the Chartered Fund of The Methodist Church, and the income therefrom shall be distributed according to the provisions in ¶ 1308.

REPORT NO. 10. UNPAID ASSESSMENTS
Calendar No. 77. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 362.
M, 71; P, 55; F, 54; N, 1

Amend ¶ 1327, Sec. 1 by striking out the word "and" in the fourth Line of the Section and substituting therefor the words "obligations or," so that the whole Section as amended shall read as follows:

¶ 1327, Sec. 1. Whenever a Conference Claimant shall be in debt to The Methodist Publishing House, or to the Conference or to any of its organizations, on account of unpaid assessments, obligations or pledges for the benefit of Conference Claimants, such debt shall constitute a lien on the Annuity of the person involved, and the Conference shall have power to appropriate and apply his or her Annuity, or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt; provided, however, that not more than one quarter of the Annuity shall be appropriated in any year for such purpose and, furthermore, provided that such power shall not be interpreted as applying to the settlement of other debts, of a Conference Claimant.

REPORT NO. 11. CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT
Calendar No. 78. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 362.
M, 71; P, 66; F, 66

In Section five (5), ¶ 1339, Line five (5) add the words "monthly or" then add, "and the Conference Treasurer shall remit monthly or quarterly to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Claimants, all amounts received from the charges for superannuate support," so that Section five (5), ¶ 1339 shall read:

The amount apportioned to each charge for Conference Claimants shall be paid in the same proportion as the District Superintendent and the Pastor are paid and the Claimants' pro rata shall be sent

to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly and the Conference Treasurer shall remit monthly or quarterly to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants, all amounts received from the charges for superannuate support. In the Statistical Table No. III of the Annual Conference Minutes, there shall be provided a separate column with the caption, "Conference Claimants," which shall show the amount apportioned to each charge and the amount paid, in the same manner as to the District Superintendent and the Pastor.

REPORT No. 12. COLLECTION OF UNPAID ASSESSMENTS

Calendar No. 79. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 362.
M, 71; P, 66; F, 64; N, 2

Delete ¶ 1327, Sec. 2 and substitute therefor a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. An Annual Conference having a claim for unpaid assessments, in connection with its funds for Conference Claimants against a Conference Claimant of another Annual Conference, through its Board of Conference Claimants, shall file such claim with the clearinghouse and request that steps be taken to have such claim deducted from the annuity of the person concerned. The clearinghouse shall request the Annual Conference making the deduction to remit as soon as practicable the equivalent of the amount deducted, to be forwarded immediately by the clearinghouse to the Annual Conference making the claim. The amount of any deduction made under this section shall be subject to the limitations provided in Section 1 of this Article, and furthermore, it is hereby stipulated that interest on liens of this character, if charged, shall be computed only at simple interest. The clearinghouse shall have no responsibility for the transmission of moneys collected under this section until such moneys have been remitted to it. The clearinghouse shall not permit any "debtor" Annual Conference to withhold or deduct a part of the money it is required to pay to the clearinghouse with the intent of satisfying in advance any claims which the Annual Conference may desire to make under this Section. Claims on which collection is sought, in any clearinghouse year, must be filed with the clearinghouse, on or before December 31, in the preceding clearinghouse year.

REPORT No. 13. CONCURRENT ANNUITY

Calendar No. 80. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 363.
M, 71; P, 71; F, 64; A, 2; N, 5

(d) A year of service rendered concurrently by a minister and his wife, whether on the same Pastoral charge, or otherwise, as members of an Annual Conference, shall be counted only as one year.

This provision shall apply to the Illinois Corporation and also to the Missouri Corporation.

REPORT No. 14. ANNUITY CONTRACTS

Calendar No. 81. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 363.
M, 71; P, 63; F, 63

Amend ¶ 1323, Sec. 5 by adding the following at the end of the section:

The Illinois Corporation is authorized to make annuity arrangements, through its Ministers' Provident Annuity Fund with a minister who is a member of an Annual Conference in the territory of Illinois Corporation serving an organization or an institution not under the control of The Methodist Church, provided, that the terms of contribution and annuity shall be a matter of contract between the Illinois Corporation, the minister and the organization or institution and provided, that the minister shall be regularly appointed by a Bishop to serve such organization or institution.

REPORT NO 15. NON-CONCURRENCE MEMORIALS

Calendar No. 82. Non-concurrence. M, 71; P, 64; F, 64

Your Committee on Conference Claimants had referred to it for consideration fifty (50) Memorials; three of these did not relate to the work of Conference Claimants and were returned to the Secretary for the consideration of other Committees and one was referred to another Committee for concurrence and will be reported by that Committee.

Your Committee reports non-concurrence on the following numbered Memorials: Nos. 120, 115, 137, 117, 113, 118, 401, 121, 642, 588, 547, 546, 119, 477, 142, 111, 385, 136, 140, 132, 133, 116, 644, 125, 134, 112, 141, 122, 138, 797, 551, 135, 554.

Some of these Memorials relate to the present legislation of the Church and ask that there be no change. Some of them are covered in the Memorials which are presented to the General Conference for consideration, while others were non-concurred by the Committee.

REPORT NO. 16. RE-ADMISSION OF LOCATED MINISTERS

Calendar No. 166. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 390. M, 71; P, 20; F, 20

Amend ¶ 237, Art. 3 by striking out the words "and subject to the action of the Annual Conference," and substituting therefor the following words: "provided, however, that he shall have been re-admitted by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference which granted him location," so that the whole Article as amended shall read:

¶ 237, Art. 3. If such located person remains a Member in good standing of The Methodist Church until the age of retirement, fixed by the General Conference, he shall thereby retain the right to make an annuity claim, based upon the years of his effective ministry; provided, however, that he shall have been re-admitted by two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference which granted his location.

In conformity with the foregoing amendment, we recommend that ¶ 1321, Sec. 3 be stricken from the *Discipline*.

REPORT NO. 17. NON-CONCURRENCE ON AMENDMENT
AND MEMORIAL 722

Calendar No. 167. Non-concurrence

M, 71; P, 23; F, 22; A, 1

Your Committee reports non-concurrence on the Amendment offered for ¶ 1340, Sec. 2, which was referred to it by the General Conference. It also reports non-concurrence on Memorial 722.

INTER-TERRITORIAL TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, The "Divided Annuity Responsibility" provision, see ¶ 1330, of the *Discipline* of 1939, is operative in the territory of the Illinois Corporation, of the Board of Pensions but inapplicable in the territory of the Missouri Corporation, and

WHEREAS, This difference might be a barrier to transfer of ministers from either territory to the other—therefore, be it

Resolved, That any minister who transfers on and after June 1, 1940, from either one of the said territories to the other shall be entitled, on retirement, to make an annuity claim in the Annual Conferences to which he formerly belonged for the years he served therein, and said Annual Conferences shall be responsible for the payments on such claims.

All annuity claims arising hereunder shall be satisfied directly, as between the respective Annual Conferences and the minister concerned, and shall not be accounted for in the clearinghouse maintained by the Illinois Corporation, nor through the office of the Missouri Corporation.

The problem of providing for an equitable distribution of annuity responsibility for transfers made prior to June 1, 1940, shall be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation for consideration with instructions to report its findings and recommendations to the General Conference of 1944.

This resolution shall be printed in the Appendix to the *Discipline*, for the guidance of the Bishops and all others concerned in such transfers.

THOMAS S. BROCK, *Chairman*.

VII. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Chairman, George W. Henson (Philadelphia).

Vice-Chairman, William A. Lambeth (Western North Carolina).

Secretary, John R. Kenney (California).

REPORT NO. 1. DISSOLVING OF CENTRAL NORTHWEST CONFERENCE TO MERGE WITH ANOTHER CONFERENCE (MEMORIAL NO. 151.)

Calendar No. 60. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 354.
M, 82; P, 60; F, 60

We recommend that an enabling act be granted permitting the Central Northwest Conference, during the next quadrennium, to discontinue its organization, and merge with English-speaking Conferences within whose geographical territory it is located.

REPORT NO. 2. HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ARCHIVES (MEMORIAL NO. 213.)

Calendar No. 61. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 354.
M, 82; P, 67; F, 65; N, 2

We recommend the addition of two paragraphs in the section on Annual Conferences, reading:

Section 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be an Historical Society, to be appointed or elected in whatever manner the Conference may decide, whose duties it shall be to preserve the records of the Conference, gather all data referring to its organization, its past history, its former members, and to collect all data of interest from the memories of elderly persons and to preserve these for future generations, together with a record of current items of importance, and to keep before the minds of our people the glorious deeds of the heroes of the past.

Section 2. The Association of Historical Societies which for the years past has worked for the co-ordination of our Conference Historical Societies and for the enlargement of their plans and programs, is officially recognized. It is suggested that the Association arrange for branches in each Jurisdiction to allow for easier means of communication and joint meetings.

REPORT NO. 3. CHANGE OF NAME OF "MISSION CONFERENCE"

Calendar No. 62. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.
M, 82; P, 48; F, 48

We recommend that the name "Mission Conference," in ¶¶ 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, and elsewhere in the

Discipline where the name "Mission Conference" or "Mission Annual Conference" occurs, be changed, and the name, "Provisional Annual Conference," be inserted in its place.

REPORT No. 4. REVISE ¶ 501, ARTICLE 1

Calendar No. 63. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.

M, 82; P, 62; F, 62.

We recommend that ¶ 501, Art. 1, be amended and revised by striking out all that follows the words, "District Conference," in Line 8, and substituting therefor the following: "It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach and to pass upon the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, and to recommend proper persons for deacons' and elders' orders."

So the Paragraph and Article shall read:

¶ 501. 1. A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the Bishop in charge, who shall preside. In the absence of the Bishop, the Superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting and arrange the work. This annual session shall possess the function and powers of a District Conference. It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach and to pass upon the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, and to recommend proper persons for deacons' and elders' orders.

REPORT No. 5. ORGANIZATION OF MALAYSIA CHINESE
MISSION CONFERENCE INTO AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(MEMORIAL No. 187.)

Calendar No. 64. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.

M, 82; P, 62; F, 62

We recommend that an enabling act be granted the Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, authorizing the organization of that Mission Conference, during the next quadrennium, into an Annual Conference, within the Provisional Central Conference, within whose territory it is located.

REPORT No. 6. ENABLING ACT GRANTING THE CONTINUANCE
OF THE EAST GERMAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
(MEMORIAL No. 507.)

Calendar No. 65. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.

M, 82; P, 63; F, 63

We have carefully considered the petition of the East German Conference, in the Northeastern Jurisdiction contained in the above Memorial, and recommend, that an enabling act be granted the East German Conference, whose member-

ship is below the fifty called for in ¶ 14, Sec. 4, page 23, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, giving the East German Conference permission to remain intact as an Annual Conference for the next quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 7. ENABLING ACT, FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF
THE NORWEGIAN-DANISH CONFERENCE.

(MEMORIAL NO. 165.)

Calendar No. 66. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.
M, 82; P, 63; F, 63

We recommend, after carefully considering the petition of the Norwegian-Danish Conference of the North Central Jurisdiction, as contained in the above Memorial, that an Enabling Act, be granted that Conference, whose membership has fallen below the fifty called for in ¶ 14, Section 4, page 23, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, giving the Norwegian-Danish Conference permission to remain intact as an Annual Conference, during the next quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 8. COMMISSION ON CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 141. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 345.
M, 82; P, 55; F, 55

There shall be a General Conference, Ad Interim, Commission on Central Conferences, for the quadrennium, 1940-1944, to be constituted as follows:

Two Bishops, one person from each Jurisdictional Conference, one person from each Central and Provisional Central Conference; all to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and approved by the General Conference.

There shall also be added to the Commission by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, following its organization, four persons, two from the Board's Division of Foreign Missions and two from the Women's Division of Christian Service.

Bishops working in Foreign Fields shall be considered consultative members of the Commission, and shall be called in, when available, at the time of the meeting of the Commission.

When a representative of a Central or Provisional-Central Conference cannot be present to represent his field, the Bishop or Bishops of that field shall designate someone to represent it.

This Commission shall study the structure and supervision of The Methodist Church in its work outside the United States and its Territories, including the question of Episcopal support and administration in Central Conferences, and the standards to be required for the organization of a Central Conference, and shall prepare such recommendations as it considers necessary for presentation to the General Conference of 1944.

REPORT NO. 9. JAPANESE MISSION CONFERENCE.

(MEMORIAL NO. 564.)

Calendar No. 168. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 431.

M, 82; P, 51; F, 51

We recommend that an Enabling Act be drawn, granting permission to organize the Pacific Japanese Mission into a Mission Conference. The act to specify that when the necessary adjustments have been made, and the Japanese Mission has met the requirements, all the Japanese work now included in the Japanese Mission shall be included in the Mission Conference thus organized.

REPORT NO. 10. ENABLING ACT, EASTERN SWEDISH CONFERENCE. (MEMORIAL NO. 806.)

Calendar No. 169. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 431.

M, 82; P, 52; F, 52

We recommend an Enabling Act granting the Eastern Swedish Conference permission to continue as an Annual Conference until not later than April 30, 1942, thus giving sufficient time to make necessary adjustments in connection with the merger or mergers of this Conference with another Conference or other Conferences; and that the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference be empowered to complete arrangements for such merger or mergers.

REPORT NO. 11. PROCEDURE IN MERGING CHURCHES.

(MEMORIAL NO. 390.)

Calendar No. 170. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 432.

M, 82; P, 51; F, 48; A, 3.

We recommend that a new Paragraph be added in the *Discipline*, and that it be given its proper place, title, and number by the Editors of the *Discipline*.

New Paragraph: PROCEDURE IN MERGING CHURCHES.

Any two or more churches may merge and become a single church by pursuing the following procedure:

(1) The merger must be proposed by the Quarterly Conference of each of the merging churches by a resolution stating the terms and conditions of the proposed merger.

(2) The plan of the merger as proposed by the Quarterly Conference of each of the merging churches must be approved by a majority of the members of each of such churches, over the age of twenty-one years, present at a meeting thereof held in the usual place of public

worship and called, for the purpose of considering such plan, by announcement made at a public service in such Churches on two Sundays, the first not less than ten days, next preceding the date of such meeting and by written notice signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Official Board of such Churches, or otherwise, as the Quarterly Conference may direct (posted publicly in the usual places of worship of the Churches contemplating merging) which announcement shall state the time and place of the meeting and the purpose thereof.

(3) The merger must be approved by the Superintendent or Superintendents of the District or Districts in which the merging Churches are located.

(4) The requirements of any and all laws of the State or States in which the merging Churches are located effecting or relating to the merger of such Churches must be complied with; and, in any case where there is a conflict between such laws and the procedure outlined in the *Discipline*, said laws shall prevail and the procedure outlined in the *Discipline* shall be modified to the extent necessary to eliminate such conflict.

REPORT NO. 12. ENABLING ACT FOR KALGAN MISSION CONFERENCE. (MEMORIAL NO. 825.)

Calendar No. 171. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 432.
M, 82; P, 50; F, 49; A, 1

We recommend an Enabling Act granting permission to organize the Kalgan Mission Conference into an Annual Conference when it has met the requirements for same.

Report No. 13, Calendar No. 172, Title: "Memorial No. 384, Quarterly Conference Records" (DCA-335) was withdrawn Monday, May 6, 1940, with the consent of the Conference, as the legislation involved had been taken care of in another Report. Editor. See page 457.

Report No. 14, Calendar No. 173, Title: "Memorial No. 376, Quarterly Conference Records" (DCA-335) was withdrawn Monday, May 6, 1940, with the consent of the Conference, as the legislation involved had been taken care of in another Report. Editor. See page 457.

REPORT NO. 15. CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 185. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 450.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

The Committee on Conferences has considered the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Central Conferences referred to it by the General Conference and printed on page 84 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and also the following memorials numbered: 143, 148, 156, 157, 158, 159, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 176, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 188, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 201, 202, 203, 209, 210, 215, 301, 338, 347,

400, 410, 416, 436, 494, 581, 625, 656, 700, 729, 771, 772, 783.

The work of the Sub-Committee on Central Conferences of your Committee on Conferences proved to be exceedingly complex on account of the prevalence of war conditions in many of our fields and because we are still in the early stages of the process of perfecting unification. It will be remembered that at Kansas City it seemed necessary to leave a very large number of problems unsolved until the meeting of the first General Conference of the Church. This was especially true in respect to the foreign fields of Methodism. Then, too, speaking in general, we are just now in a period of far-reaching change and development in the missionary work of the Church which necessitates readjustment and revision of the legislation governing our churches overseas. In the efforts to give larger independence and autonomy to the younger churches in Methodism without jeopardizing the tried and tested values of experience, the Committee found it impossible in every instance to grant the requests embodied in the numerous memorials that reached it but endeavored in every way possible to make clear that the foreign work of the Church is very close to the older Church in America.

DISCIPLINARY CHANGES

Page 116, ¶ 395. Add an additional Paragraph at the close of ¶ 395, page 116, as follows:

In the case of an emergency in a Central Conference through the death or disability of a Bishop, the Council of Bishops may assign one of its number to furnish the necessary Episcopal supervision for that field.

Page 116, ¶ 397, Line 2. Add "or Central" after the word "Jurisdictional" so that it will read "A Bishop presiding over a District, Annual, Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall" etc.

Page 121, Sec. III should be captioned "Retired Bishops of Jurisdictional Conferences."

Another Section should be added at close of ¶ 405, as follows:

Retired Bishops of Central Conferences—Each Central Conference shall determine the rules for retirement of its Bishops, provided that in the event of retirement allowances being paid from the Episcopal Fund, these rules shall be subject to the approval of the General Conference, provided, that until the meeting of the General Conference in 1944, the provisions contained in the report on World Service and Finance shall prevail.

Page 188, ¶ 622, Line 2, insert "or Central" after "Juris-

dictional" and add "in which he has been elected" so that it will read "A Bishop is amenable for his conduct to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference in which he has been elected."

Page 143, ¶ 448, eliminate the last sentence beginning "He shall" and ending "Conference" to avoid duplication in the *Discipline*.

Page 145, ¶ 453. Add at close of Line 7 the following "or its Executive Committee."

Page 150, ¶ 472, Line 2. Insert "to organize and" so as to read "A Central Conference where the laws of the country permit, shall have the power to organize and to incorporate one" etc.

Page 164, ¶ 525, Line 3. Insert "and Central" so as to read "The Annual Conference shall keep an exact record of its proceedings, according to the forms provided by the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences."

Page 143, ¶ 450. Eliminate the Paragraph, as it is now provided in the change suggested in ¶ 622.

Page 156, ¶ 493, Line 6. Eliminate "and of the Woman's Division of Christian Service" changing "their" to "its" in Line 7; also end the paragraph with the word "concerned" in Line 18, eliminating "and to the Secretary for the field representing the Woman's Division of Christian Service."

REFERRED TO THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE DISCIPLINE

To clear up misunderstanding because of duplication of material, it is suggested that ¶ 409 be eliminated for the following reasons:

Item 1 is covered by ¶ 392.

Item 2 is covered by ¶ 393 except for the clause, "with vote limited to matters relating to their respective Central Conferences." As this clause is in Plan of Union, it would need to be added to ¶ 393.

Item 3. Include in ¶ 398 to read: "The Bishops of the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Conferences."

Item 4. Covered by ¶ 394.

Item 5. Make it a Paragraph in ¶ 395 following Line 14, which closes with "service" at the bottom of Page 115.

These slight changes would eliminate ¶ 409 without omitting anything that is in the Plan of Union and would clarify by including it in the section on Presidential Supervision (page 114) which is intended for both Jurisdictional and Central Conferences.

Page 124, ¶ 407, all has reference to United Conference actions except the fifth Paragraph. It is suggested that ¶ 407-(5) be transferred to page 138 to follow ¶ 436-(2) so that ¶ 436-(3) will read: "Each Jurisdictional or Central Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within the Jurisdictional or Central Conference and assign the Bishops

to the same. The boundaries of the Episcopal Areas of each Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be fixed by the Bishop."

The foregoing change would eliminate Section V on page 124 and 125.

Page 132, ¶ 420. In Lines 6 and 7 change "one" to "two." Compare with ¶ 452, Line 7, for conflict.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DISCIPLINE

Following ¶ 466, insert a new ¶ 466 (a) reading as follows:

An Annual Conference in the field of a Central or Provisional Central Conference shall have the power to set standards of character and other qualifications for the admission of its lay members.

¶ 476 shall be amended to read: "No Annual Conference shall be organized with fewer than twenty-five ministerial members nor shall an Annual Conference be continued with fewer than twenty ministerial members."

Following ¶ 476, a new Paragraph shall be inserted, ¶ 476 (a), reading as follows:

A Central Conference may organize a woman's unit after consultation with the Standing Committee on Women's Work in connection with any Annual Conference or Mission Conference within its bounds and provide a constitution and by-laws for it.

Add to ¶ 479 the following: A Central Conference organization may become a member of the World Federation of Methodist Women and may elect a representative on the World Council of Federation.

Substitute for ¶ 480 the following:

A Central Conference shall have authority to adopt rules of procedure governing the investigation and trial of its ministers and lay members of the Church and to provide the necessary means and methods of carrying them into effect, provided, however, that the ministers shall not be deprived of the right of trial by a Ministerial Committee and lay members of the Church, to the right of trial by a duly constituted Committee of church members, and also provided the rights of appeal are adequately safeguarded.

¶ 491 shall be amended so as to read: "Any Mission established under the provisions of the *Discipline* may be constituted a Mission Conference by the General Conference in consultation with the Central Conference provided that no Mission Conference shall be organized with fewer than ten ministerial members nor shall a Mission Conference be continued with fewer than six ministerial members."

Amend ¶ 974 of the *Discipline*, Art. 6, Lay Missionaries, by deleting from Line 3 the word "Mission" after the word

"their," and by deleting from Lines 5 and 6 the words "and the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional," and by deleting from Line 7 the words "Mission or," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read: "Lay missionaries of the Board, men and women, shall be associate members of their Mission Conference or Annual Conference, and be permitted all the privileges of the floor and shall be eligible for election to Conference Committees."

Amend ¶ 452 by striking out the words "and Mission Conferences" in Line 6, in Line 11, and in Line 14, and the word "six" in Line 10, substituting for the word six "four" so that the section of the Paragraph which is affected by these changes shall read "Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates and no other selection of Delegates shall be authorized which would provide for more than one Ministerial Delegate for every four ministerial members of an Annual Conference," etc.

PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES AND AFFILIATED AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

There shall be inserted in the *Discipline* after the close of Chapter III, Page 155, of the *Discipline* of 1939, dealing with Central Conferences, two new chapters with the titles "Provisional Central Conferences" and "Affiliated Autonomous Churches" respectively, these sections to read as follows:

PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES

1. Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions outside of the United States which are not included in Central Conferences or in the territory of Affiliated Autonomous Churches and which because of geographical, language, political or other considerations have common interests that can best be served thereby may be organized into Provisional Central Conferences as provided for in ¶ 445.

2. The General Conference may grant to a Provisional Central Conference any of the powers of a Central Conference except that of electing Bishops. The organization of Provisional Central Conferences shall conform to the regulations prescribed for Central Conferences (¶¶ 451-458) insofar as they are considered applicable by the Bishop in Charge.

3. In the interval between General Conference, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, upon the recommendation of the Bishops in Charge and after consultation with

the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions concerned may make changes in the boundaries of a Provisional Central Conference and may grant to a Provisional Central Conference, or to any of its component parts any of the powers of a Central Conference except that of electing Bishops. All changes in boundaries and all grants of powers authorized by the Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be reported to the ensuing session of the General Conference and shall expire at the close of that session unless renewed by the General Conference.

4. With respect to Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions which are outside of the United States and which are not included in Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences, the General Conference may grant any of the powers of Central Conferences except that of electing Bishops and in the interval between General Conferences the Board of Missions and Church Extension may grant such powers when requested to do so by the Bishop in charge and by the Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission concerned.

5. The General Conference shall make provision for the Episcopal supervision of work in the territory outside of the United States which is not now included in Central Conferences.

AFFILIATED AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

Article 1. A self-governing Church in whose establishment The Methodist Church has assisted and with which it is co-operating through its Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be known as an Affiliated Autonomous Church. Relations between The Methodist Church and an Affiliated Autonomous Church shall be such as may be mutually agreed upon by the two Churches. The Board of Missions and Church Extension shall serve as the agent of The Methodist Church in conferring with Affiliated Autonomous Churches.

Art. 2. Contractual agreements with the Japan Methodist Church, the Korean Methodist Church, the Methodist Church of Mexico and the Methodist Church of Brazil entered into by the former Methodist Episcopal Church and/or the former Methodist Church, South, shall be continued until changed or modified by mutual agreement.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension is authorized to harmonize and make uniform the present agreements and practices with respect to the four Churches named above by extending to each of them any provision contained in the present agreement with any one of them if

such change is desired by the Affiliated Autonomous Church concerned and judged to be advisable by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the name "Mission Conference" be changed to "Provisional Annual Conference" wherever it appears in the book of *Discipline*.

2. We recommend that the time and place of holding the quadrennial session of a Central Conference during the quadrennium of 1940-44 shall be fixed by the Bishop or Bishops in charge of the work in that Central Conference after consultation with the Executive or other authorized Ad Interim Committee of that Central Conference.

3. We recommend that the Bishop responsible for supervision in the Northern Europe Central Conference shall also supervise the work of the North Africa Annual Conference.

4. We recommend that the name "Philippine North Annual Conference" be changed to read "Northern Philippine Annual Conference."

5. WHEREAS, Section I, ¶ 8, Section 4, of the Plan of Union gives the General Conference full legislative power to "provide for the organization, promotion and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America."

Therefore, we recommend that for purposes of Presidential, Visitation, and in three instances, Residential Episcopal supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences and in emergency situations in Central Conferences provisions be made for the quadrennium 1940-44 according to the following arrangements:

1. The North Central Jurisdiction shall provide for the Northern Europe Central Conference; the Philippine Islands Central Conference; and the Provisional Central Conferences of Southeastern Asia and Africa, and shall be requested to assign Missionary Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Singapore and Manila for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Philippine Island Central Conference and the Provisional Central Conference of Southeastern Asia; and Missionary Bishop John M. Springer to Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Africa Provisional Central Conference.

2. The Southeastern Jurisdiction shall provide for the Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference.

3. The South Central Jurisdiction shall provide for the Latin America Central Conference and for visitation to the Affiliated Autonomous Churches of Latin America.

4. The Western Jurisdiction shall provide for visitation of the Mission Councils of Japan and Korea.

5. The Northeastern Jurisdiction shall provide for an area in the Central Conference of Southern Asia, and shall be requested to assign Bishop Brenton T. Badley to Delhi, India, for Residential Episcopal supervision in the Central Conference of Southern Asia.

If during the ensuing quadrennium any emergency in Episcopal supervision should arise in any of the foreign fields covered by the

foregoing provisions, the Council of Bishops may provide the necessary Episcopal supervision.

The foregoing arrangement is made with the understanding that it does not necessitate the election of any new Bishop for purposes of Episcopal supervision in foreign fields.

6. We recommend for the election of delegates to the various Central Conferences for their first meetings after the adjournment of this First General Conference of The Methodist Church the following ratios: for the China Central Conference, one Ministerial delegate for every ten Ministerial members of an Annual Conference; for the Philippine Islands Central Conference, one Ministerial delegate for every four Ministerial members of an Annual Conference; for the Latin America Central Conference, one Ministerial delegate for every four Ministerial members of an Annual Conference; for the Germany Central Conference, one Ministerial delegate for every ten Ministerial members of an Annual Conference.

CHAPTER II

BOUNDARIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES, MISSION CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS

I. Africa

1. Annual Conferences.

(1) Liberia Conference shall include the Republic of Liberia and border territory in the hinterland.

(2) Rhodesia Conference shall include work in Rhodesia.

2. Mission Conferences.

(1) Angola Mission Conference shall include the work in Angola and Portuguese West Africa.

(2) Central Congo Mission Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South in the Belgian Congo.

(3) Southern Congo Mission Conference shall include all the work of former Methodist Episcopal Church in the Belgian Congo.

(4) Southeast Africa Mission Conference shall include Portuguese East Africa and Portuguese work in the Transvaal.

II. *Eastern Asia*

1. Annual Conferences.

(1) Central China Conference shall include Central China, with its central station at the city of Nanking, on the Yangtze River, excluding the Kiangsi Annual Conference.

(2) China Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in China.

(3) Foochow Conference shall include the Fukien Province in China, excepting so much as is included within the Hinghwa and the Yenping Annual Conferences.

(4) Hinghwa Conference shall include the counties of Putien and Sienyu and the adjoining territory where the Hinghwa dialect is spoken.

(5) Kiangsi Conference shall include the province of Kiangsi and that portion of Anhwei Province west of a line drawn north and south through the west wall of the city of Anking, the capital of the province, and also Hwangmei County in Hupeh Province.

(6) North China Conference shall include the southern part of the Province of Liaoning, the northern part of the Province of Hopei, and the southern part of the Province of Chahair.

(7) Shantung Conference shall include the counties of Tsinan, Taian, Szsushui, Yenchow, Ningyang, Wensang, Chufu, Tsouhsien, Feicheng, Laiwu, Tungping, Tsining, and Tunge, located in the central part of Shantung Province.

(8) West China Conference shall include the following counties: Chengtu, Whayang, Gintang, Jienyang, Tsiyang, Tsichung, Meikang, Lochi, Anyoh, Chungkiang, Bahsien, Kiangpeh, Pishan, Yungchwan, Jungchang, Lungchang, Hochwan, Wusheng, Tunknan, and Suining.

(9) Yenping Conference shall include the following counties in the Fukien Province: Nanping, Yuki, Shabsien, Yungan, Kweihua, and Shunchang.

2. Missions and Councils.

(1) Japan Mission Council shall include the work among the Japanese in the Japanese Empire and Manchuria.

(2) Japan Mission Conference (M. P.) shall include the work of the former Methodist Protestant Church in Japan.

(3) Kalgan Mission Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Protestant Church in China.

(4) Korea Mission Council shall include the work among the Koreans in Korea and Manchuria.

III. *Europe*

1. Annual Conferences.

(1) Baltic and Slavic Conference shall include the Baltic Republics of Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

(2) Belgian Conference shall include all the work in Belgium.

(3) Bohemia-Moravia Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the former Republic of Czechoslovakia.

(4) Central Germany Conference shall include Saxony and Thuringia as well as the Province of Silesia including the towns of Halle and Dessau.

(5) Denmark Conference shall include the Kingdom of Denmark.

(6) Finland Conference shall include the Republic of Finland.

(7) Finland-Swedish Conference shall include the Swedish work in Finland.

(8) Italy Conference shall include the Kingdom of Italy, and those parts of contiguous countries in which the Italian language is spoken.

(9) North Africa Conference shall include the work in Algeria, Tunisia, and adjacent territory.

(10) Northeast Germany Conference: In the west, the boundary of the Northwest Germany Conference; in the south, the boundary of the Central Germany Conference; in the east, the boundary of the German Reich as of 1936.

- (11) Norway Conference shall include the Kingdom of Norway.
- (12) Northwest Germany Conference: In the east, the degree of the eleventh longitude; in the south, the degree of the fifty-second latitude to the boundary of the Southwest Germany Conference; in the west, the boundary of the German Reich as of 1936.
- (13) South Germany Conference: The geographical boundaries of Bavaria (except the Palatinate and Wuerttemberg).
- (14) Southwest Germany Conference: In the north, follow a line south of Lippe from Wesel to Hamm; in the east from Hamm to Marburg, Geinhausen, Mosbach, Pforzheim to Lahr; in the west, the boundaries of the German Reich as of 1936.
- (15) Sweden Conference shall include the Kingdom of Sweden.
- (16) Switzerland Conference shall include the Republic of Switzerland (except the work among the Italian-speaking people, and shall also include the German-speaking churches of France.)

2. Mission Conferences and Missions.

- (1) Bulgaria Mission Conference shall include Bulgaria.
- (2) France Mission Conference shall include the Republic of France, except the German-speaking churches of France.
- (3) Hungary Mission Conference shall include Hungary.
- (4) Jugo-Slavia Mission Conference shall include the work in Jugo-Slavia.
- (5) Madeira Mission shall include the Madeira Islands.
- (6) Polish Mission Conference shall include all the work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Poland.
- (7) Russia Mission Conference shall include the work in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- (8) Spain Mission shall include the work in Spain.

IV. *Latin America*

1. Annual Conferences.

- (1) Chile Conference shall include the Republic of Chile.
- (2) Cuba Conference shall include the Republic of Cuba.
- (3) Eastern South American Conference shall include the Republics of Argentina and Uruguay.

2. Mission Conferences and Missions.

- (1) Bolivia Mission Conference shall include the Republic of Bolivia.
- (2) Central America Mission Conference shall include Costa Rica and Panama.
- (3) Peru Mission Conference shall include the Republic of Peru.

V. *Southeastern Asia*

1. Annual Conferences.

- (1) Malaya Conference shall include the Straits Settlements, the Malaya Peninsula, such adjacent islands or portions thereof, including Borneo, as are under British or Dutch government or protection.
- (2) Philippine Conference shall include all our work south of the southern boundary line of the Province of Pangasinan and Nueva-Vizcaya.
- (3) Northern Philippine Conference shall include all our work in the Philippines north of the Philippine Conference.

2. Mission Conferences.

(1) Sumatra Mission Conference shall include the following sections of the Island of Sumatra: the East Coast Province, the Residences of Siak, Palembang, and the Lampongs, and the Island of Banka.

(2) Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference shall include any vernacular Chinese work within Malaysia.

VI. *Southern Asia*

1. Annual Conferences.

(1) Bengal Conference shall include Bengal and Assam, and so much of Bihar and Orissa as do not lie within the bounds of the Lucknow Conference.

(2) Bombay Conference shall include that part of the Bombay Presidency embraced in the city and island of Bombay; that part of the civil districts of Thana, Nasik, West Khandesh, and East Khandesh including all the work of the former Methodist Protestant Church which lies south of a straight line drawn from Dahanu on the Arabian Seacoast northeasterly through Amalnar to the Tapti River, and then east along said river to the eastern boundary of the Bombay Presidency; the civil districts of Poona Ahmednagar, Kolaba, Ratnagiri, Satara, and Sholapur; together with the native states lying within these districts south of the line above named and of the civil districts of Belgaum and Bijapur, and including Akalkot State. Also that part of Berar which lies south of the Gawalgarh Range, and such part of the Central Provinces as is included in the civil districts of Wardha, Nagour, and Bhandara, and that part of Chanda civil district which lies north of parallel 19 deg. 45 min. north latitude. Also that part of the Nizam's Dominions included in the civil districts of Aurangabad, Bhair, Osmanabad, Parabaini, and Nanded; that part of Adilabad civil district which lies north of parallel 19 deg. 45 min. north latitude and west of the proposed Changa-Warangal Railway; and that part of the Bidar civil district through the towns of Kanlas, Miraj Buzrg, and Mlanga to the southwestern corner, leaving Kanlas and Maraj Buzurg in South India Conference, and Mlanga in Bombay Conference.

(3) Burma Conference shall include the Province of Burma.

(4) Central Provinces Conference shall include all of the Central Provinces and the Feudatory States under the supervision of the Central Provinces Government except that portion of Berar south of the Gawalgarh Hills and Wardha, Nagpur, Bhandara and Chanda civil districts, together with that part of the Central Provinces included in the civil district of Sironcha.

(5) Gujarat Conference shall include Gujarat and all territory which is bounded on the north by the twenty-fifth meridian of latitude proceeding westward to the boundary of Sindh and eastward to the seventy-fifth meridian of longitude, thence south to the bounds of the Bombay Conference, following that boundary westward to the sea.

(6) Hyderabad Conference shall include those portions of the Deccan within the bounds of Nizam's Dominions (Hyderabad State) that are contiguous to Hyderabad, Vikarabad, Tandur, and Bidar; together with that part of the Central Provinces included in the civil district of Sironcha.

(7) Indus River Conference shall include Baluchistan; the Province of Sindh; such other parts of the Bombay Presidency as lie north of the twenty-fifth degree of latitude; such parts of the Rajputana and

Central India Agencies as lie to the north of the twenty-fifth degree of latitude and west of the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude; and all of the Punjab save the portion which lies to the east and south of the southeastern boundary of the Patiala State from the point where it is intersected by the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude.

(8) Lucknow Conference shall include such parts of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh as are not included in the North India Conference and the Northwest India Conference, the dividing line to the north and east of the Ganges to be the boundaries of the Unao, Lucknow, and Barabanki civil districts, leaving these districts in the Lucknow Conference; to the south and west of the Ganges the boundary is to be a straight line from Farakabad through Etawah to the border of the Gwalior State, said state to fall within the bounds of the Northwest India Conference; also Champaran, Saran, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Gaya, Dharbhanga, Monghyr, Bhagalpur, civil districts of Bihar, and such parts of the Shahabad civil district of Bihar as are not included in the Bhabua Mission.

(9) North India Conference shall include those parts of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh that lie between the Gogra and Ganges Rivers, and north of the civil districts of Unao, Lucknow, and Barabanki.

(10) Northwest India Conference shall include the Province of Delhi; such parts of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh as lie west and southwest of the Ganges River and do not fall within the boundaries of the Lucknow Conference; such parts of the Rajputana and Central India Agencies as lie north of the twenty-fifth parallel of latitude and east of the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude; and such part of the Punjab as lies to the south and east of the Patiala State from the point where the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude touches its southern boundary line.

(11) South India Conference shall include all that part of India which lies to the south of the Bengal Conference, the Bombay Conference, and the Central Provinces Conference.

2. Missions.

Bhabua Mission shall include the Bhabua subdivision of Bihar.

In Part IX, Boundaries, following ¶ 1535, a new section shall be introduced entitled "Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions in the Foreign Field."

For Chapter III, Central Conferences, ¶¶ 1541 to 1546, there shall be substituted a new listing as follows:

CENTRAL CONFERENCES

China Central Conference

Central China Annual Conference.

China Annual Conference.

Kalgan Mission Conference.

Foochow Annual Conference.

Hinghwa Annual Conference.

Kiangsi Annual Conference.

North China Annual Conference.

Shantung Annual Conference.

West China Annual Conference.

Yenping Annual Conference.

Central Conference of Southern Asia

Bengal Annual Conference.
 Bhabua Mission.
 Bombay Annual Conference.
 Burma Annual Conference.
 Central Provinces Annual Conference.
 Gujarat Annual Conference.
 Hyderabad Annual Conference.
 Indus River Annual Conference.
 Lucknow Annual Conference.
 North India Annual Conference.
 Northwest India Annual Conference.
 South India Annual Conference.

Philippine Islands Central Conference

Philippine Annual Conference.
 Northern Philippine Annual Conference.

Latin-America Central Conference

Bolivia Mission Conference.
 Central America Mission Conference.
 Chile Annual Conference.
 Eastern South America Annual Conference.
 Peru Mission Conference.

Germany Central Conference

Central Germany Annual Conference.
 Northeast Germany Annual Conference.
 Northwest Germany Annual Conference.
 South Germany Annual Conference.
 Southwest Germany Annual Conference.

Northern Europe Central Conference

Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference.
 Denmark Annual Conference.
 Finland Annual Conference.
 Finland-Swedish Annual Conference.
 Norway Annual Conference.
 Russia Mission Conference.
 Sweden Annual Conference.

For Chapter IV, Provisional Central Conferences, ¶¶ 1551 to 1553, there shall be substituted a new listing as follows:

PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference

Belgium Annual Conference.
 Bulgaria Mission Conference.
 Bohemia-Moravia Annual Conference.*
 France Mission.
 Hungary Mission Conference.
 Italy Mission Conference.

Jugoslavia Mission Conference.
Madeira Mission.
North Africa Annual Conference.
Poland Mission Conference.
Spain Mission.
Switzerland Annual Conference.

Africa Provisional Central Conference

Angola Mission Conference.
Southern Congo Mission Conference.
Central Congo Mission Conference.
Liberia Annual Conference.
Rhodesia Annual Conference.
Southwest Africa Mission Conference.

Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference

Malaya Annual Conference.
Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference.
Sarawak (Borneo) Mission.
Sumatra Mission Conference.

A new Chapter V bearing the title "Foreign Mission Work Not Included in Central or Provisional Central Conferences" shall follow immediately after the list of Provisional Central Conferences. It shall read as follows:

Foreign Mission Work Not Included in Central or Provisional Central Conferences

Cuba Annual Conference.
Japan Mission Council.
Japan Mission Conference (M.P.).
Korea Mission Council.

A new Chapter VI bearing the title "Affiliated Autonomous Churches" shall follow immediately after the new Chapter V. It shall read as follows:

Affiliated Autonomous Churches

Japan Methodist Church.
Korean Methodist Church.
Methodist Church of Mexico.
Methodist Church of Brazil.

(Note—The term "Mission Conference" has been used herein because the proposed change to "Provisional Annual Conference" has not yet been adopted. The term should be changed if and when the new term is adopted.)

ENABLING ACTS

1. The Germany Central Conference shall be authorized to increase its number of Annual Conferences up to the num-

* Bohemia-Moravia Annual Conference: This includes the work in the former Czechoslovak Annual Conference.

ber of ten if it should be deemed necessary during the ensuing quadrennium, provided, however, that this permission shall apply only to the territory included in the Germany Central Conference as defined in the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 1545 and in the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Episcopal Church for 1936, ¶ 1373.

2. The Switzerland Annual Conference in the present emergency shall be given enlarged rights and privileges during the quadrennium 1940-44 only as indicated in the following specifications:

(1) The Switzerland Annual Conference shall be authorized to add to the business of the Annual Conference supplementary questions considered desirable or necessary for meeting its own needs; to make such adaptations in procedure as the peculiar conditions of the fields require; and to adapt the temporal economy of the Church within its own territory, including orders of business suitable for District and Quarterly Conferences.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge, the Switzerland Annual Conference shall have the power to prescribe courses of study for its Ministry including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these courses.

(3) The Switzerland Annual Conference shall be authorized to conform the detailed rules, rites, and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, to the statute laws of Switzerland.

(4) The Switzerland Annual Conference shall be authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary; such changes to require the approval of the Bishop in charge.

(5) The Switzerland Annual Conference shall be authorized to adopt rules of procedure for the trial and appeal of its Ministers as the necessities of the field may require; to appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a Traveling Preacher of that Conference from the decision of a Committee of Trial; *provided*, however, that these rules shall in all respects conform to the restrictions and limitations prescribed in the chapter on Judicial Administration.

3. The foregoing authorization for the Switzerland Annual Conference during the quadrennium of 1940-44 shall be extended also to any Annual Conference within the territory of the Northern Europe Central Conference until such time as it can hold a session of that Central Conference.

4. Authority is given to the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference to become the Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Annual Conferences or Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions if it be deemed wise to make such change during the ensuing quadrennium.

5. The Africa Provisional Central Conference (§ 1552) and the Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference (§ 1553) shall have the powers of a Central Conference (§ 460-482) except the power to elect Bishops.

¶ 483. *The China Central Conference.* The China Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect three Bishops for China, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in this field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

¶ 484. *The Central Conference of Southern Asia.* The Central Conference of Southern Asia is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for India and Burma, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in the field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

¶ 485. *The Latin America Central Conference.* The Latin America Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect two Bishops for South America, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than two Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944. The Central Conference, however, of Latin America is authorized (§ 451) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and power as provided under Central Conference legislation, *provided* that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

¶ 487. *The Northern Europe Central Conference.* The Northern Europe Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for Northern Europe, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

¶ 488. *The Philippine Islands Central Conference.* The Philippine Islands Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for the Philippine Islands, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944. The Central Conference of the Philippine Islands, however, is authorized (§ 451) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation, *provided* that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

Episcopal Vacancies. If an Episcopal vacancy should occur, by death, resignation, or otherwise, within the bounds of the Central Conferences of Latin America, Eastern Asia, Southern Asia, Germany, Northern Europe, the Philippine Islands, during the quadrennium, the Central Conference within which such vacancy occurs is authorized to elect a Bishop, in case the vacancy is in an Area previously filled by a Central Conference; it is also authorized to elect a Bishop in case the Council of Bishops do not fill the vacancy by appointment of a retired Bishop or otherwise and provided that at no time during the quadrennium shall there be more than two Bishops or Missionary Bishops within the bounds of the Central Conference of Latin America; or more than four within the bounds of the Central Conference of Eastern Asia; or more than four within the bounds of the Central Conference of Southern Asia; or more than one within the Central Conference of Germany; or more than one within the Northern Europe Central Conference; or more than one within the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands.

To the Ad Interim Committee on Central Conferences we refer:

1. The question of status and powers of Central Conference Bishops.
2. The problem of securing Episcopal administration for Provisional Central Conferences and other fields where the law of the Church or other conditions do not permit the election of a Bishop.
3. The determination of the fields which can be most satisfactorily administered as Provisional Central Conferences.
4. The question of the election of delegates to General Conference by Central Conferences and Provisional Central Conferences instead of by the Annual Conferences thereof.

We propose the following amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church:

Article II of ¶ 17, Section V, Division Two of the Plan of Union which now reads: "The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be Ministerial and Lay in equal numbers, the Ministerial delegates to be elected by the Ministerial members and the Lay delegates by the Lay members of the Annual Conference" shall be amended by the addition of the following words "or the Mission Conferences" so that Article II of ¶ 17, Section V, Division II of the Plan of Union when thus amended shall read: "The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be Ministerial and Lay in equal numbers, the Ministerial delegates to be elected by the Ministerial members and the Lay delegates by the Lay members of the Annual Conferences or the Mission Conferences."

REPORT NO. 16. REVISION AND RE-ARRANGEMENT OF CHAPTERS, SECTIONS, AND PARAGRAPHS RELATING TO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AND OTHER BODIES GOVERNING THE LOCAL CHARGE

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M, 82; P, 49; F. 49

We have considered carefully many Memorials relating to these Sections and recommend that all portions of the *Discipline* in Chapters 8, 9, and 10 be re-arranged, amended, and revised as hereinafter stated.

Under Chapter VIII, page 173 of the *Discipline*, add the subtitle "The Pastoral Charge" so that it shall read:

CHAPTER VIII

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

The Pastoral Charge

Transfer Section I of Chapter IX, found on page 177 of the *Discipline*, to this location; change number of ¶¶ 571 to 561 without change otherwise, so that it shall read as follows:

SECTION I. DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND PASTOR

¶ 561 (¶ 571 otherwise unchanged).

Amend by adding Section II with the subtitle "Quarterly Conferences" so that it shall read:

SECTION II. QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Change number of ¶ 561 to ¶ 562 and amend by the insertion after the word "Conference" the words, "Which is the governing body of the charge" so that the amended Paragraph shall read as follows:

"¶ 562. The Quarterly Conference which is the governing body of the Charge shall be organized in each Pastoral Charge." (¶ 31.)

Change the number of ¶ 562 to ¶ 563 and amend by the insertion of the words "Lay Leader," after the word "Exhorter" in the 4th line, and by the addition of the following after the word "therein" in the 18th line:

"The Quarterly Conference may elect three members nominated by a City Missionary Society. (¶ 991.)" so that the Paragraph shall read as follows:

"¶ 563. The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all Traveling, Supernumerary, and Superannuated or Retired Preachers, residing within the Circuit or Charge; all Local Preachers, Exhorters, Lay Leaders, Deaconesses, Class Leaders, and Secretaries of Church Conferences, Stewards, Trustees, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers of Local Churches; Superintendents of Church Schools; Presidents of Young People's Divisions, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor, and kindred societies; representatives of the Women's Societies of Christian Service, Deaconess Circles, and Brotherhoods; Directors of Christian Education, Social and Recreational Life, and Golden Cross;

Chairmen of Missionary Committees, and of Local Church Boards of Education; Secretaries of Good Literature; Presidents or Superintendents of other organizations as are approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein; the Quarterly Conference may elect three members nominated by a City Missionary Society. (§ 991); provided that all members of the Quarterly Conference shall be members of The Methodist Church."

Change the number of § 563 to § 564 without change otherwise.

Change the number of § 564 to § 565 and amend by striking out the word "shall" in the 8th line and inserting the word "may" so that the Paragraph shall read as follows:

"§ 565. There shall be held on each charge a First and Fourth Quarterly Conference. The Second and Third Quarterly Conferences shall be held at the discretion of the District Superintendent. A Recording Steward shall be elected, who shall keep an accurate and permanent record of the proceedings and shall be the custodian of all records and reports. A Secretary may be elected for each meeting who, with the President, shall sign the proceedings and transmit them to the Recording Steward."

Change the number of § 565 to § 566 and amend by striking out items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 12; and inserting the following items with the numbering as indicated so that the Paragraph, with insertions, shall read as follows:

§ 566. The Quarterly Conference shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

1. To *elect* annually, officers for the Circuit or Station, upon recommendation of the pastor, or of the Committee on Nominations of which the pastor shall be Chairman, unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*, or to arrange for their election by the Annual Church Conference or by the Official Board as follows (§ 32):

(a) The Stewards according to the provisions of §§ 580-583 inclusive.

(b) The Trustees unless otherwise directed by the laws of the political division in which the charge is located. (§§ 32, 771-782.)

(c) The District Steward and Reserve District Steward, provided that the District Superintendent shall confer with the Committee on Nominations regarding recommendations for these officers.

(d) The Communion Steward or Stewards, whose duty it shall be to prepare, or arrange for the preparation, of the elements, for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(e) The Financial Secretary, or Secretaries (§ 822, 1).

(f) The Treasurer or Treasurers of Local Church Expenses. (See Note under (g)).

(g) The Treasurer or Treasurers of the combined Benevolences of the Local Church or Churches.

(Note. The Treasurer of Local Expenses and Treasurer of Combined Benevolences of the Local Church may be one or two persons, provided that the Local Expenses and Benevolences are kept in separate accounts.)

(h) The Lay Member and Reserve Lay Member of the Annual Conference, annually or quadrennially, as the Annual Conference may direct.

(i) Superintendents of Church Schools according to the provisions of § 1135.

(j) Members of the District Conference according to the provisions of § 542.

(k) A Director of Christian Education according to the provisions of ¶ 1142.

(l) Any other officers of the church or churches, as directed by the General, Jurisdictional, Annual, or District Conferences, or as determined by the Quarterly Conference, provided such are in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

All of the above named officers are members of the Quarterly Conference, provided they are members of The Methodist Church.

2. To constitute Committees for the Circuit or Station, upon recommendation of the Pastor, or of the Committee on Nominations of which the Pastor shall be Chairman, unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*, or to arrange for their elections by the Annual Church Conference, or by the Official Board as follows:

(a) Membership, which shall assist the Pastor in acquiring and keeping an accurate record of the Membership and Constituency, with especial attention to renewing the interest of the indifferent members and enlistment of new members (¶¶ 155, 156).

(b) Finance, which shall arrange for the finances of the church with especial attention to ¶¶ 821-825, inclusive.

(c) To constitute a Committee on Pastoral Relations. This Committee shall be responsible, in consultation with the Pastor for supplying the pulpit during temporary absence of the pastor. When a change in pastoral relations is contemplated, the Committee on Pastoral Relations shall co-operate with the District Superintendent and Bishop and consult with the pastor. This Committee shall be amenable to Quarterly Conference.

(d) Nominations, which shall make recommendations to the Quarterly Conference, Annual Church Conference, or Official Board of those to be elected as officers and members of Committees. The Pastor shall be Chairman of this Committee. The other members shall be nominated and elected by those present at the meeting of the body, authorized to elect the officers and Committees for the ensuing year.

(e) Audit, which shall audit annually, the financial records of the Financial Secretary and Treasurers of the Church and organizations of the Church.

(f) Records, which shall inspect the records of the Recording Steward and various Secretaries of the Church and organizations of the Church. When this Committee discovers a minute or record book is no longer in current use, it shall require the same to be deposited with the Recording Steward.

(g) Hospitals and Homes, according to the provisions of ¶ 1262.

3. To constitute Committees for the Circuit or Station, upon recommendation of the pastor, or of the Committee on Nominations of which the Pastor shall be Chairman, unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*, or to arrange for their elections by the Annual Church Conference or by the Official Board; if the Quarterly Conference deems these Committees advisable:

(a) Evangelism. This duty may be assigned to the Committee on Membership.

(b) Stewardship. This duty may be assigned to the Committee on Membership.

(c) Temperance, which shall promote the cause of temperance and kindred causes.

(d) Music, of which the pastor may be Chairman and which shall encourage the use of suitable music in the worship services of the Church.

(e) Parsonage, which shall co-operate with the Trustees in providing a comfortable residence for the Pastor.

(f) Property, unless otherwise provided by the Trustees.

(g) Any other Committees as directed by the General, Jurisdictional, Annual or District Conferences, or as determined by the Quarterly Conference, Official Board or Board of Stewards, provided such are in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

4. To determine which of the alternate plans provided for the organization of the Church Board of Education, in ¶ 1133, shall be adopted for the church or churches of the charge, to inquire if the provisions of the plan adopted are observed, and to elect such members of the Board as are not otherwise named.

5. To inquire if the provisions of ¶ 1069 for the organization of the Council of Missions and Church Extension are observed, and to elect such members of the Council as are not otherwise named.

6. Change the number of Item 7 of ¶ 565 to Item 6 of ¶ 566, without any change otherwise.

7. Change the number of Item 9 of ¶ 565 to Item 7 of ¶ 566, without any change otherwise.

8. Change the number of Item 10 of ¶ 565 to Item 8 of ¶ 566, without any change otherwise.

9. Change the number of Item 11 of ¶ 565 to Item 9 of ¶ 566, without any change otherwise.

10. Change the number of Item 13 of ¶ 565 to Item 10 of ¶ 566, without any change otherwise.

11. To review the work of all of the officers, Committees, and organizations of the church or churches of the charge, all of which are amenable to the Quarterly Conference.

12. To fix the place of the next session of the Quarterly Conference. (¶ 564.)

13. To authorize and order sessions of the Official Board, Board of Stewards, or Church Conferences, as it may deem advisable and to define the powers, duties and responsibilities of the same, provided the provisions of the *Discipline* are observed.

Change the number of ¶ 566 to ¶ 567 and amend by striking out the first literary paragraph and substituting therefor as follows:

¶ 567. The Quarterly Conference shall transact the business assigned to it by the *Discipline* under the following general divisions:

- I. Worship.
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Organization.
- IV. Reports.
- V. Finance.
- VI. Licenses and Recommendations.
- VII. Elections.
- VIII. General and Miscellaneous.

Suitable forms, for the procedure of the Quarterly Conference, reports thereto and records thereof, shall be prepared and published by The Methodist Publishing House in conjunction with the Commission authorized by the General Conference for that purpose.

Amend the second literary paragraph of ¶ 566 by striking out "this" in the first line on page 177 of the *Discipline* after the words "observance of" and adding the word "the," by striking out the word "is" after the word "business" in the second line and adding the words "as provided in these forms seems" so that the part amended shall read as follows:

"If the observance of the Order of Business as provided in these forms seems likely to protract a session beyond a reasonable limit, the Chairman may select the more important matters and bring them forward."

Amend by adding Section III and subtitle "Church Conferences" so that it shall appear as follows:

SECTION III. CHURCH CONFERENCES

Amend by striking out §§ 572, 573, 574, 575, and 591 and adding new Paragraphs with the numbers indicated as follows:

¶ 568. The Quarterly Conference may authorize and constitute a Church Conference for the Charge, or Churches of a Circuit, to be composed of the members of the Church or Churches who are 18 years of age or over. The Pastor may call such Conference and be its Chairman. In the absence of the Pastor, the Conference may elect a Chairman from its members. It shall elect a Secretary whose minutes shall be reviewed by the Committee on Records and made a part of the Quarterly Conference records.

The Conference may review the work of the charge or church and adopt such plans for the promotion of the various phases of the Church work as are referred to it, subject to the limitations imposed by the Quarterly Conference in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

¶ 569. The Quarterly Conference may authorize and constitute in any charge an Annual Church Conference, composed of members of the Church or the Churches of the charge, in conjunction with the Fourth Quarterly Conference. The District Superintendent shall preside, or in his absence the Pastor shall preside. The Recording Steward shall be the Secretary of the meeting, or in his absence a Secretary pro tem may be elected. The minutes shall be recorded in the Records of the Quarterly Conference.

¶ 570. The Annual Church Conference may review the work of the year, and receive the reports of the officers, Committees and organizations of the charge which are arranged in the Order of Business of the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

¶ 571. The Annual Church Conference may elect the officers and Committees as provided in ¶ 566, items 1, 2, and 3.

¶ 572. The Annual Church Conference may hear the report of a Committee on Policy, previously appointed by the Pastor, who shall be its Chairman. On charges of more than one Church, where one Annual Church Conference is held for the entire charge, each Church shall have at least one member on this Committee. The Committee, after a careful survey of the work of the Church or charge, shall make recommendations concerning its improvement or extension. After discussion of these recommendations and such revisions as the meeting may deem wise, a general policy of the Church or charge for the following year shall be adopted.

¶ 576. If matters are presented in the Annual Church Conference which are restricted to the action of the Quarterly Conference, only members of the Quarterly Conference may vote thereon.

¶ 577. The Quarterly Conference of a Circuit, with the consent of the District Superintendent, may authorize and constitute such an Annual Church Conference in each Church of the Circuit, subject to such additional qualifications as the District Superintendent may specify.

Amend Section III, on page 179 of the *Discipline*, by changing it to Section IV and renumbering the Paragraphs of the sections to correspond with the above arrangement.

Amend Section IV on page 181 of the *Discipline* by changing it to Section V and renumbering the Paragraphs to correspond with the above arrangement.

Amend Section V on page 181 of the *Discipline* by changing it to Section VI and renumbering the Paragraphs thereof to correspond with the above arrangement.

REPORT No. 17. ENABLING ACT, CALIFORNIA ORIENTAL
MISSION

Calendar No. 207. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 41; A, 8

Because of the peculiar problems presented by the California Oriental Mission, with its three languages, we recommend that an Enabling Act be granted that Mission raising its status from that of a Mission to that of a Mission Conference, under the standards and requirements for a Mission Conference in a Central Conference. The Act to specify that in this case the Western Jurisdiction shall be substituted for a Central Conference.

When the California Oriental Mission shall have met the requirements for a Mission Conference, under these provisions, it may be organized into a Mission Conference.

REPORT No. 18. ENABLING ACT CONTINUING CERTAIN
CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 208. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend an enabling act continuing those English-speaking Annual Conferences having less than fifty members in full connection, until the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference within whose bounds they are situated.

We recommend further that the act specify that each of these Annual Conferences, above described, shall receive the most careful consideration by its Jurisdictional Conference; and that the Jurisdictional Conference shall decide whether such Annual Conference, with less than fifty full members, shall continue as an Annual Conference, or its status shall be reduced to that of a Mission Conference or Mission, or whether such Annual Conference shall be merged with some adjacent Annual Conference or Annual Conferences. In any case the decision of the Jurisdictional Conference shall govern the status of such Conference.

In the opinion of your Committee, a Jurisdictional Conference should, for very apparent reasons, make careful investigation, and only in rare cases continue an Annual Conference with less than fifty full members.

REPORT NO. 19. ENABLING ACT FOR LATIN-AMERICAN
MISSION

Calendar No. 209. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend that an Enabling Act be issued, under authority of Part IV, Chapter IV, ¶¶ 491-498 inclusive, pages 155-157, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, raising the status of the Latin-American Mission from that of a Mission, to that of a Mission Conference, allowing two years for the completion of the organization of said Mission Conference, in accordance with the above cited section of the *Discipline*, in order that all necessary adjustments may be made.

We recommend further that the Enabling Act shall specifically authorize and instruct that all Spanish-speaking work in the Western Jurisdiction shall be included in the above Mission Conference when organized.

REPORT NO. 20. ENABLING ACT FOR THE PACIFIC JAPANESE
MISSION

Calendar No. 210. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend that, under authority of Part IV, Chapter IV, ¶¶ 491-498 inclusive, pages 155-157, 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church an Enabling Act be granted giving permission whereby the Pacific Japanese Mission may be organized into a Mission Conference.

REPORT NO. 21. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES
(MEMORIAL NO. 207)

Calendar No. 211. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend an Enabling Act providing that the membership of Committees in the Annual Conference, as provided for by the General Conference, shall be the minimum requirements, and that each Conference may make its Committees of such size as its own work may call for.

REPORT NO. 22. MISSIONS AND MISSION CONFERENCES
(MEMORIAL NO. 840)

Calendar No. 212. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend that Memorial No. 840, Missions and Mission Conferences, be referred to the Commission on Pensions.

REPORT NO. 23. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE ON FORMS
Calendar No. 213. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend that Memorials Numbers 567, 827, 536 be referred to the Committee on Forms.

REPORT NO. 24. UNIFORM FORM FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JOURNAL

Calendar No. 214. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 455.
M, 82; P, 49; F, 49

We recommend, for the sake of uniformity, the following arrangement for Annual Conference Journals.

- I. Officers of Annual Conference.
 - II. Boards, Commissions, Committees.
 - III. Daily Proceedings.
 - IV. Disciplinary Questions.
 - V. Appointments.
 - VI. Reports.
 - VII. Memoirs.
 - VIII. Roll of Dead.
 - IX. Historical.
 - X. Miscellaneous.
 - XI. Pastoral Record.
 - XII. Index.
- (Subdivisions to be added.)

III. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman, Arlo A. Brown (Newark).

Vice-Chairman, Paul W. Quillian (Texas).

Secretary, John B. Magee (Upper Iowa)

REPORT NO. 1. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Calendar No. 1. Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 235.
M, 100; P, 88; F, 88

Amend ¶ 1083, the sentence beginning on Line 12, and reading, "The Executive Secretary of the Division of Education," etc., by adding the word "Quadrennially" following the phrase "Shall be elected." So that the sentence as amended shall read: "The Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church shall be elected quadrennially by the Board from nominations made by their respective Divisions."

REPORT NO. 2. SECRETARIAL COUNCIL FOR THE GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Calendar No. 2. Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 235.
M, 100; P, 89; F, 89

Amend ¶ 1091 of the 1939 *Discipline* by adding a third paragraph which shall read:

For the purpose of correlation, harmonization, and promotion of the total program of the Board of Education, the Executive Secretaries of the three Divisions of the Board shall form a Secretarial Council. The Council shall choose from their own number the presiding officer in rotation as it may determine and shall have regular meetings as the Council or the Board may deem necessary.

The paragraph as amended will then read:

¶ 1091. The Executive Secretaries of the Divisions shall be the administrative officers of their respective Divisions under such regulations as the Board may make. They shall present annually to the Board reports of their work and recommendations as approved by the Divisions, including organization and budget. Assistants to the Executive Secretaries of the Division of the Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church shall be elected annually by the Board upon nomination of the respective Executive Secretaries. Assistants to the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division shall be

elected as herein after provided. In determining the number of Assistants due consideration shall be given to the variety of work to be undertaken and the funds prospectively available.

The Executive Secretaries of the Divisions shall have the privilege of membership, without vote, in the Board, in the Executive Committee, and in their respective Divisions.

For the purpose of correlation, harmonization, and promotion of the total program of the Board of Education, the Executive Secretaries of the three Divisions of the Board shall form a Secretarial Council. The Council shall choose from their own number the presiding officer in rotation as it may determine and shall have regular meetings as the Council or the Board may deem necessary.

REPORT NO. 3. A SURVEY OF MINISTERIAL NEEDS AND METHODS OF RECRUITING FOR THE MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

Calendar No. 3. Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 236. M, 100; P, 89; F, 89

Insert the following Paragraph, immediately following ¶ 352 (*Discipline*, 1939) to read:

The Commission (General Conference Commission on Courses of Study), in co-operation with the theological schools, shall, during the next quadrennium, make a through study of—

(a) The number of candidates for the ministry which will be required to make replacements and meet the needs for probable growth in the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church, year by year. In this survey the Commission shall give due consideration to population trends, probable trends both in the consolidation of units of church organization and in the development of diversified types of specialized ministry, unchurched areas that constitute missionary responsibility, the question of the probable future of "the accepted supply pastor" in our Methodist polity, and all other factors that bear upon the question.

(b) The sources from which the Church should expect to secure recruits for the ministry.

(c) The types of full-time vocational service, for both men and women, that should properly be included within the ministry of the Church. The Commission shall include both those types of ministry which should be included within the limitations of membership in the Annual Conference, and other types of vocational service that might be included in the category of a lay ministry.

(d) The methods by which the Church can most effectively recruit candidates for the ministry.

The Commission, the Theological Schools, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training shall co-operate in the development of effective methods of selective recruiting for the ministry, and exercise such control over the numbers to be enlisted, as shall insure the Church against either an over-supply or an under-supply of trained Ministers.

REPORT NO. 4. GRADUATE COURSE CREDIT

Calendar No. 7. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 304. M, 100; P, 83; F, 83

We recommend that the matter of credit for graduate

courses as referred in Memorials No. 68 and No. 306 taken by ministers be referred for favorable consideration to the Executives of the approved Theological Schools in co-operation with the Commission on Courses of Study.

REPORT NO. 5. COMPOSITION OF JURISDICTIONAL
BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Calendar No. 8. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 304.
M, 100; P, 85; F, 85

Amend ¶ 1155, the next to the last sentence of the said Paragraph, reading, "No salaried officer of the said Board shall be a member of the Board," by adding the word "Jurisdictional" prior to the word Board as first used in the sentence so that the sentence as amended shall read, "No salaried officer of the Jurisdictional Board shall be a member of the Board."

REPORT NO. 6. BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR NEGROES
(MEMORIAL NO. 504)

Calendar No. 17. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 76; F, 76

After careful and sympathetic consideration the Committee recommends non-concurrence.

Report No. 7, Calendar No. 18 (DCA-160), Title: "Organization of the Board of Education," was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, Wednesday, May 1, 1940, as the Committee desired to reconsider the Report.—EDITOR. See page 312.

REPORT NO. 8. SPECIAL DAYS AND OFFERINGS

Calendar No. 30. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 296.
M, 100; P, 80; F, 80

1. SPECIAL DAYS

(a) Methodist Student Day. Insert after ¶ 1121 a new Paragraph as follows:

¶ 1122. One Sunday in each year shall be observed by the Church School as Methodist Student Day (formerly Children's Day or College Day) with an offering for student loan funds. The date of this day and administration of the fund shall be determined by the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education. Funds raised on this day shall be paid through the Annual Conference Treasurer or the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Education as the Annual Conference may direct to the Treasurer of the Division of Educational Institutions. These funds shall be given recognition in an additional column in the pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the share of the Board of Education in the apportioned General Benevolences.

(b) Church School Rally Day. Taking the place of Rally Day of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Church School Day of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Young People's Day of the Methodist Protestant Church, insert after ¶ 1176 a new Paragraph as follows.

¶ 1177. One Sunday in each year shall be observed by the Church School as Church School Rally Day for the purpose, first, of informing and challenging the people of the community with regard to the Church's program of religious education, and, second, of receiving an offering for the Annual Conference Board of Education for the program of its Local Church Division. The date for the observance of this day shall be fixed by the Board of Education. The funds raised on this day shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Board of Education and may be remitted through the Annual Conference Treasurer as the Annual Conference may direct. These funds shall be given recognition in an additional column in the pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the share of the Annual Conference Board of Education in the apportioned Conference Benevolences.

(c) Race Relations Sunday. Delete ¶ 1119 in the *Discipline* and insert a new Paragraph to follow ¶ 1095 as follows:

¶ 1119. As a means of educating the Church in regard to better race relations and the needs of Negro schools, Race Relations Sunday (second Sunday in February) shall be observed in all the congregations as the date when the interest of Christian education for Negro youth shall be presented. The Board of Education shall receive all moneys derived from the observance of this day, and shall use them for the promotion of educational institutions for Negroes related to The Methodist Church and for the religious education of Negro children, youth and adults as the Board may direct (due recognition being given the historic responsibility of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for aid to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church). The total amount raised shall be paid to a Treasurer of these funds to be designated by the Board of Education. The funds received on this day shall be given recognition in an additional column in the pastor's report to the Annual Conference, but shall not be charged against the Board's share of the apportioned General Benevolences.

There shall be a Committee of ten members on Co-operation and Counsel, five to be appointed by the Board of Education, and five by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, nominated by the Home Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, to take under consideration all matters involving educational work among Negroes in which agencies of both Boards may have responsibility.

(d) Procedure. (1) The General Conference authorizes the continuance through the calendar year 1940 of the special days as they have been observed in the three uniting Churches, and the use of the offerings which are received on these days for the causes which they are supporting.

(2) Local churches shall begin January 1, 1941, the observance of special days and offerings authorized herein.

(3) The three special days herein authorized, namely, Methodist Student Day, Church School Rally Day and Race Relations Sunday, shall be the only special days without benevolence credit authorized by the General Conference for offerings in the Church Schools.

2. WORLD SERVICE SUNDAY

(a) Insert a new Paragraph after ¶ 857 as follows:

¶ 858. (1) The Fourth Sunday in each month shall be observed as World Service Sunday in the Church School. An offering shall be taken for the causes represented in General and Annual Conference Benevolences and shall be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer for distribution to the General and Conference Benevolences.

(2) The General Conference recommends to each Annual Conference that, in order to provide adequate support for the Annual Conference Board of Education in the area of Local Church work, the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance provide in the appropriations for Conference Benevolences an additional amount for the Board of Education sufficient to bring returns to equal special funds it would have received from 40 per cent of the proceeds of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise which will be eliminated by the adoption of World Service Sunday in the Church Schools.

(3) In all youth meetings in the local church the Fourth Sunday shall be observed as World Service Sunday and the offering taken shall be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer for distribution to the General and Conference Benevolences.

(4) In order that the Fourth Sunday programs may be co-ordinated with the other missionary programs of the Church, the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, in consultation with Benevolence Boards, shall be responsible for providing study units, special programs and source materials to aid in bringing about an effective observance of World Service Sunday throughout the church, subject to the approval of the Curriculum Committee.

(5) The General Conference recommends that on the fourth Sunday in each month the World Service causes be recognized in the congregational worship services of the local churches, by occasional sermons, three-minute addresses, and the distribution of literature and that program and cultivation material be provided for this day by the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education.

(b) Procedure. We recommend the adoption of the following procedure and its printing in the appendix to the *Discipline*:

(1) The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise shall continue in those Annual Conferences now observing it until their sessions next following the Jurisdictional Conferences.

(2) The new plan for Benevolence support through the observance of World Service Sunday shall become effective within the bounds of each Annual Conference at its session next following the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference.

3. MISSIONARY EDUCATION IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS

The problems involved in the missionary giving of children's and youth groups are referred for continued study to

the new Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education with authority to develop plans. In the meantime offerings in such groups shall be channeled as heretofore.

4. WORLD COMRADESHIP

We recommend the deletion of ¶ 1182 and the insertion in its place the following:

¶ 1182. In the discharge of its responsibility for supervising missionary education in the Church Schools, the Division of the Local Church shall provide for the participation by Church School youth groups, and District or Conference Young People's organization in such enterprises as the World Comradeship Fund. The proceeds from the plan shall receive regular Benevolence credit but shall be outside the ratio share of the Boards in the distributable apportioned General Benevolence funds and shall be used in accordance with agreements between the Young People's Department of the General Board of Education and the District or Conference Youth groups involved.

5. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOREIGN FIELDS

Delete ¶ 1045 and under ¶ 1178 delete the subhead reading "The budget shall be prepared . . ." and substitute a new ¶ 1045 and a new subhead under ¶ 1176 reading as follows:

The Committee shall have a budget for its work provided by the two Boards. The major responsibility for the budget rests upon the Board of Missions, supplemented by support from the Board of Education, in which the World Comradeship Fund shall have a part.

REPORT NO. 9. DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Calendar No. 47. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 339.
M, 100; P, 64; F, 64

Amend ¶ 1105 by deleting "not justified by property assets and sound pledges" so that the paragraph will then read:

¶ 1105. No institutions hereafter established or acquired shall be aided by the Division unless the Division shall have been consulted and shall have approved the expenditures involved in the establishment or acquisition of such institutions, and the University Senate shall have approved its proposed classification before the project was undertaken. No institution receiving an annual appropriation from the Division shall incur debt obligations—bonded or otherwise—for building and for expansion programs, without first submitting its proposed plans to the Division for consideration and counsel. Any such institution failing to observe this regulation relinquishes its right to appropriations until the debt so incurred is liquidated. In no case shall the Division aid an institution which changes its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the classification.

Amend ¶ 1111 by changing "or at the written request of its own members," to "or at the written request of a majority of the members of the given Board," and to

insert after "educational work done" the following: "by an institution" so that the paragraph as amended will read:

¶ 1111. At the request of the President or the Executive Secretary of any of the Boards of the Church, or at the written request of a majority of the members of the given Board, the Senate shall examine the quality and standards of the educational work done by an institution under the auspices of such Board and shall report to the Board concerned its estimate of the merit of such educational work and its recommendations as to what particular changes or improvements, if any, should be accepted.

Add at the end of ¶ 1112 "and he shall convene the Senate at the beginning of each quadrennium for organization" so that the paragraph will read:

¶ 1112. The Senate shall elect its own Presiding Officer and may appoint such Committees and may delegate to them such powers as are incident to its work. The Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions shall be the Executive Secretary of the Senate, and he shall convene the Senate at the beginning of each quadrennium for organization.

Report No. 10 was never placed on the Calendar. Editor.

REPORT NO. 11. THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

Calendar No. 48. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 339.

M, 100; P, 79; F, 79

In ¶ 338 beginning at Line 15, delete that part of the sentence following the words "adequate support." Insert the deleted words beginning in Line 21 following "authoritative body." The amended paragraph will then read:

¶ 338. The Theological Schools of the Church, established and maintained for the training of Ministers, exist for the benefit of the whole Church, and their support shall be provided by the whole Church as a part of its General Benevolence giving. Furthermore, in case the support from this source is inadequate, each school shall have the right to appeal to the Jurisdictional Conference in which it is located and to the Annual Conferences comprising that Jurisdiction for additional support. For the purpose of carrying out the provision for the better support of the Theological Schools of the Church, the Division of Educational Institutions, in consultation with the administrative officers of these Schools, shall establish budget askings for their adequate support. The amount necessary for such support shall be added as a separate item in the annual askings of the Board of Education from the Benevolence funds as determined by the authoritative body, after an adequate presentation of the needs of these institutions by a representative of the Schools of Theology. No Theological School or Department of Theology in a College or University shall be established without first submitting its proposed organization and classification to the University Senate for approval and consent of both the Senate and the Division.

It is expected that our Schools of Theology will acquaint their students with the current programs of The Methodist Church, such as its educational, missionary, social, and other service programs, and with the organizations and terminology of the Church.

REPORT NO. 12. COMMISSION ON COURSES OF STUDY

Calendar No. 49. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 340.

M, 100; P, 75; F, 75

Amend ¶ 350 as follows: 1. In Lines 3, 4, and 5 substitute the word "five" for the word "three." 2. In Line 6 substitute the words "theological schools" for the words "educational institutions." 3. In Line 12 substitute the word "associate" for the word "assistant" so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 350. Within the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Commission on Courses of Study for Ministers which shall be composed of five Bishops and five other Ministers to be appointed by the Council of Bishops, five members from the faculties of the Theological Schools of the Church elected by the Division, the Executive Secretary of the Division, and the Book Editor, ex officio. The members of this Commission shall hold office until their successors are duly appointed. There shall be a Director of this work elected by the Commission who by virtue of this office shall be an Associate Secretary of the Division. The work of the Commission shall be reported to the annual meeting of the Board of Education and the Division shall serve as the repository of the records of the Commission.

REPORT NO. 13. ADMISSION ON TRIAL

Calendar No. 50. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 341.

M, 100; P, 70; F, 70

Amend ¶ 334 in the chapter on Ministerial Education by adding to the first section of that paragraph beginning in Line 18 the following: "Provided, further, that, under special conditions, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has graduated and received a degree from a non-accredited four-year college, and who has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved Theological School," so that the paragraph will read as amended:

¶ 334. No candidate shall be received on Trial in an Annual Conference until he has given clear evidence that he possesses the preaching gift, and until he shall have completed at least four full years of College work in an institution approved for that purpose by the University Senate, or has earned a higher degree from an institution approved by the University Senate; provided, further, that, under special conditions, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has graduated and received a degree from a non-accredited four-year college, and who has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved Theological School; provided, further, that, under special conditions, clearly recognized as unusual, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate who has satisfactorily completed two years of work in a four-year College, approved by the University

Senate, or is a graduate of a junior college approved by the University Senate, in which case the District Superintendent and the Board of Ministerial Training shall furnish to the Conference written statements of particulars showing definitely in what respect the case is special and unusual before the vote is taken. After the admission of such candidate into Full Connection, and after his completion of the four-year Conference Course of Study, he shall be required to pursue two years of such graduate study as may be prescribed by the Commission on Courses of Study, this work to be taken under the direction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

In the admission of young men to Annual Conferences, the General Conference recognizes that our Theological Schools necessarily exercise a considerable influence. It, therefore, recommends to these Schools that, before admitting any candidate for the pastoral Ministry into their student body, they inquire fully into his preaching gift and make this also a condition of admission.

REPORT No. 14. YOUTH CRUSADE

Calendar No. 57. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 354.

M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

To delete ¶ 1658 and substitute therefor the following:
 ¶ 1658. The procedures and as far as possible the accomplishments of the Youth Crusade of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be made available for the enrichment of youth work in United Methodism.

The Youth Crusade as provided and financed by the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall terminate within each participating Annual Conference at the end of its current Conference year, and that when the latest of the current Conference years involved shall have ended, the Youth Crusade Commission shall be terminated.

At its termination the Youth Crusade Commission shall file its records with the Board of Education, and such material assets as may remain in the treasury of the Commission shall be made available for youth work in The Methodist Church as the Youth Crusade Commission shall direct.

Those who have served Christ's Kingdom through the Youth Crusade are commended for their accomplishments and are urged to continue their zeal as they move into the larger fellowship of a new youth program in United Methodism.

REPORT No. 15. EPWORTH LEAGUE AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Calendar No. 73. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

Relating to Memorials 66, 351, 440, 441, 589, 645, 615, 785, 667, 382, 381.

Non-concurrence as the subject has been referred to a Special Commission of the Board of Education for study and action.

Report No. 16, Calendar No. 58 (DCA-248) Title: Youth Representation in Ecumenical Conference, was withdrawn Friday, May 3, 1940, with the consent of the Conference, after a statement by Paul W. Quillian, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.—Editor.

REPORT NO. 17. COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE
BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES
(MEMORIAL NO. 520)

Calendar No. 83. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.
M, 100; P, 67; F, 67

Following ¶ 1182 insert a new paragraph as follows:

¶ For the purpose of effective co-operation in matters of common interest between the Board of Education and the Board of Lay Activities there shall be an Inter-Board Committee composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities and three other members, one to be chosen by the Board of Education and two by the Board of Lay Activities. This Committee shall develop a unified program of education in Christian Stewardship and means of co-operation in other matters of common interest committed to it.

REPORT NO. 18. YOUNG ADULTS
(MEMORIAL NOS. 750 AND 652)

Calendar No. 84. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.
M, 100; P, 74; F, 74

Amend ¶ 1126, Line 3, after the words "young people," insert the words, "young adults and other." The paragraph would then read as follows:

¶ 1126. The Division shall organize such Departments as may be necessary for the proper promotion of Christian education of children, young people, young adults and other adults in local Churches; and for leadership education, evangelism, and missionary education in the Church Schools.

REPORT NO. 19. CHURCH COUNCIL OF METHODIST YOUTH
Calendar No. 85. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.
M, 100; P, 69; F, 69

Amend ¶ 1134 by striking out the second sub-paragraph and substituting the following:

There may be in each Church a Church Council of Methodist Youth, of which the Superintendent of the Youth Division of the Church School shall be the Counselor, composed of proportionate representation from the members of the Departments within the Youth Divisions of the Church School and from all other youth organizations in the Church, together with their Adult Advisers. The Church Council of Methodist Youth shall be responsible for the representation of the youth of the Church in organizations of Methodist youth in which the local Church may have representation.

REPORT NO. 20. CHURCH SCHOOL

MEMORIAL TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Calendar No. 86. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.

M, 100; P, 73; F, 73

Amend ¶ 1124 by striking out the first five lines of the second sub-paragraph and inserting the following:

The term "Church School" used in the *Discipline* is understood to mean the total Christian Educational program and organization in the local Church for which the Board of Education is responsible. It includes activities variously known as Sunday School; Church School; Youth Meetings, such as our present Epworth League and Christian Endeavor; week-day sessions and schools; Vacation Schools; Leadership educational agencies, and all other educational work of the Church with children, youth, young adults, and adults, promoted by the Board of Education.

REPORT NO. 21. REFERRING TO MEMORIALS 671, 664, 661,
668, 665, 662, 663, 660

Calendar No. 119. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.

M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

The Committee recommends reference to the Board of Education for careful study and report to the next General Conference.

REPORT NO. 22. WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS (MEMORIALS NOS. 513, 558.)

Calendar No. 120. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59
Non-concur as already covered elsewhere.

REPORT NO. 23. WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS (MEMORIALS NOS. 513, 558.)

Calendar No. 121. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee recommends non-concurrence since matter is already covered by ¶ 1127.

REPORT NO. 24. DIVISION OF MONEY RECEIVED IN FOURTH
SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND THE CONTINUANCE OF
THE SPECIAL DAY

(MEMORIALS NOS. 790, 651, 758)

Calendar No. 122. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee recommends non-concurrence since matter is already acted upon.

REPORT NO. 25. TEACHING OF BIBLE IN THE HOME AND
SUPPLYING MATERIAL FOR THE SAME

(MEMORIAL NO. 527)

Calendar No. 123. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee voted non-concurrence as already covered in existing plans and legislation.

REPORT NO. 26. A READING COURSE FOR LAYMEN

(MEMORIAL NO. 321)

Calendar No. 124. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 416.

M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Board of Education, in co-operation with the Board of Lay Activities for favorable consideration.

REPORT NO. 27. RALLY DAY IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

(MEMORIAL NO. 72)

Calendar No. 125. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee voted non-concurrence as covered in other legislation.

REPORT NO. 28. TEACHING BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(MEMORIAL NO. 503)

Calendar No. 126. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Committee voted non-concurrence.

REPORT NO. 29. INTERBOARD COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY
EDUCATION: ¶ 1048 IN THE DISCIPLINE

(MEMORIAL)

Calendar No. 127. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 59; F, 59

Sub-Committee recommends non-concurrence since the matter is covered elsewhere.

REPORT No. 30. SECTION OF EPISCOPAL ADDRESS DEALING
WITH ADULT EDUCATION

Calendar No. 87. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.

M, 100; P, 67; F, 67

Committee receives with approval as information. No further action required.

REPORT No. 31. ORGANIZATION

Calendar No. 88. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 365.

M, 100; P, 67; F, 67

Strike out ¶ 1083 and substitute the following:

¶ 1083. As soon as possible after their election the members shall be assembled by a convener designated by the Council of Bishops to organize in the following manner: A Committee of seven elected upon nomination from the floor shall nominate a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary for the Board. The Committee shall also nominate a Treasurer for each of the two Divisions, namely: the Division of Educational Institutions and the Division of the Local Church, or one Treasurer for the Board as the Board of Education may deem best. These officers shall be elected quadrennially from the membership of the Board, except the Treasurer or Treasurers who may be elected from outside the membership of the Board. The Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions and the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church shall be elected for the quadrennium by the Board from nominations made by their respective Divisions. The Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division (Editor of Publication of the Board) shall be elected as hereinafter provided. Upon the election of an Executive Secretary by any Jurisdictional Board of Education and his confirmation by the General Board of Education he shall be constituted a member of the staff of the General Board of Education. Other employees may be elected as the Board may direct. The salaries and duties of all officers and employees except in the Editorial Division shall be fixed by the Board. No salaried officer of the General Board shall be a member of the Board.

REPORT No. 32. TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

Calendar No. 89. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 366.

M, 100; P, 54; F, 54

1. Amend ¶ 1002 by inserting in Line 2 after the word "promote" the following words: "in co-operation with other Boards and agencies," so that the paragraph when amended shall read:

¶ 1002. The Department of Town and Country Work shall promote in co-operation with other Boards and agencies all phases of the work of the Church in rural territory and in places of less than two thousand population; conduct surveys and research studies of rural conditions and use the findings for more effective rural Church work; develop a co-operative procedure among all Church and other agencies

that serve rural people; promote among our Ministers, and in Colleges and Theological Schools, the study of town and country life; co-operate with the allies of the Church in improving the economic, social, educational, and religious life of the people in town and rural areas.

2. Insert a new paragraph immediately following ¶ 1005 and immediately following ¶ 1129, which shall read as follows:

Paragraph (and Paragraph). (1) There shall be an Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work which shall be composed of one Secretary from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and one from the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and two other persons chosen by each of said Divisions: the Secretary of the Division of the Local Church and the Secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and two other persons chosen by said Divisions.

(2) The Committee shall ascertain what phases of rural work the participating agencies propose to carry on and shall give whatever assistance it can in correlating the programs for a full service to town and country churches.

(3) The Committee shall report annually to the participating Boards, making suggestions and recommendations concerning their work in town and country churches.

3. Strike out present ¶ 1006 and ¶ 1177 and in their places insert the following:

¶ 1006 and ¶ 1177. (1) Annual Conferences which may elect to do so may set up in each Annual Conference a Commission on Town and Country Work, consisting of the Bishop in charge of the Conference; the District Superintendents; the Conference Missionary Secretary; the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education; three persons elected by each of the following Conference Boards: the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Education, Woman's Society of Christian Service; and two each from the Conference Board of Lay Activities and the Conference Commission on Evangelism and two young people chosen by the Conference Youth Organization.

(2) The Commission shall meet annually at least four weeks before the session of the Annual Conference. At this meeting the Commission shall outline a program of town and country work to be presented to the participating Conference Boards and agencies and it shall seek to co-ordinate all such work of the various Boards and agencies.

(3) The Commission may conduct surveys and research studies of rural conditions within the bounds of the Conference; seek to develop a co-operative procedure between all social and governmental agencies; shall seek to create a definite status for the rural church by (a) promoting an interest in town and country work among prospective ministers and students in Theological Schools; (b) by working toward a ministry with specific training for rural work; (c) by promoting a higher salary scale where Circuits are not providing adequate support; (d) by encouraging young ministers to dedicate themselves to rural service; (e) by promoting a more abundant community life; and (f) by seeking to develop and use lay speakers.

4. After the word "Division" in the last Line of ¶ 1046

and after the same word in Line 17 on Page 367, add two new sentences to read as follows: "The Committee shall provide for age-group Sub-Committees and such other Sub-Committees as may be needed. This Committee and its Sub-Committees shall be advisory and creative in character and not promotional and administrative," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 1046 and ¶ 1179. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation between the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education in missionary education there shall be an Inter-Board Committee between the two Boards, composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Division of Church School Publications, the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, and five other persons to be appointed by that Board, and an equal number from the Board of Missions and Church Extension which shall include the following: The Secretaries of the Division of Education and Cultivation; two Secretaries from the Division of Foreign Missions, two from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and two from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, to be nominated by the several Divisions. The Committee shall provide for age-group Sub-Committees and such other Sub-Committees as may be needed. This Committee and its Sub-Committees shall be advisory and creative in character and not promotional and administrative.

5. In ¶ 1047 and second paragraph in ¶ 1179 under item (b) change the term "represent the two Boards" to "co-operate with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education"; after item (c) add a new item (d) as follows: "(d) to develop co-operative plans for the missionary education of children, young people and adults"; add a new item (e) as follows: "and (e) to report annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Board of Education." Add a new sentence, not to be lettered, at the end of the Paragraph to read as follows: "The promotion of plans and materials created by this Committee shall be a responsibility of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension." The Paragraph as amended reads:

¶ 1047 and corresponding section of ¶ 1179. The duties of this Committee shall be: (a) To develop a unified program of missionary education for all age-groups in the local Church and in the Colleges, Universities, and Theological Seminaries; (b) to co-operate with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education in providing missionary information for Church School literature and in the preparation of curricular material on Missions; (c) to co-operate in the publication of books for missionary education in the Church; (d) to develop co-operative plans for the missionary education of children, young people, and adults; and (e) to report annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Board of Education. The promotion of plans and materials created by this Committee shall be

a responsibility of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

6. Substitute for ¶ 1048 and for the corresponding section of ¶ 1179, the following new Paragraph:

¶ 1048 (and ¶ 1179). There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Committee, who shall be elected by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He shall be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Education with staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension having staff relationship to the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. The Inter-Board Committee shall have a budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In missionary education the Secretary and his departmental workers shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and of the Board of Education.

7. Strike out ¶ 1049 and ¶ 1180.

REPORT NO. 33. YOUTH PROGRAM. (FROM PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION.)

Calendar No. 90. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 353.

M, 10; P, 73; F, 73

Insert a new Paragraph in the *Discipline* following Paragraph 1130 to read:

¶ —. There shall be a Commission set up by the Board of Education to conduct an immediate study of the program and organization of Methodist youth.

The Commission, at least half of whom shall be youth, shall be composed of eight adult members of the General Board of Education, four persons selected by the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, six youth members of the General Board of Education and six additional young people, one from each Jurisdiction, to be selected by the young people of each Jurisdiction.

The World Peace Commission and the Board of Temperance shall each be invited to appoint one adult and one youth to membership on the Commission.

Any other group concerned with the program of Methodist youth may be invited to send resources, persons and materials as the Commission deems necessary.

The staff members of the several agencies involved shall be invited to sit with this Commission without the privilege of voting.

It is understood that the respective Boards and Commissions shall be responsible for the expenses of their representatives.

The Board of Education shall take care of the expenses of the six additional youth delegates elected from each Jurisdiction.

This Commission shall be authorized to formulate a proposal plan for the organization of the youth of The Methodist Church in conformity with ¶ 1127 of the 1939 *Discipline* and if it seems advisable

it shall call together at an early date a delegated National gathering of Methodist Youth.

The staffs of the Youth Divisions or Departments of the existing Board of Education are directed to continue without curtailment the present youth programs, with such correlations as have been or may be authorized by the Joint Committee or any agency created for the purpose by the General Conference, pending the organization of the new Board of Education.

Footnote for new *Discipline*.

In the case of youth nominations for membership on the 1940-44 Board of Education made prior to the session of the 1940 General Conference, the age provision of ¶ 1082 of the 1939 *Discipline* may apply.

REPORT NO. 34. ORGANIZATION

Calendar No. 92. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 415.

M, 100; P, 68; F, 68

Strike out second Paragraph of ¶ 1092 and substitute the following:

¶ 1092. The Board shall present quadrennially to the General Commission on World Service and Finance a statement of the amount required for its general expenses and for the support of each Division of its work, except the Editorial Division, which shall be financed as elsewhere provided.

REPORT NO. 35. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR NEGROES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 93. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 415.

M, 100; P, 68; F, 68

Insert a new Paragraph following ¶ 1083 to read as follows:

¶ —. The Board shall elect thirty of its members including six Bishops, twelve ministers and twelve laymen to constitute the Board of Trustees of the Corporation known as the Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the charter of that corporation as amended December, 1920. These Trustees shall be chosen as far as numbers permit from the members of the Board of Education elected to the Division of Educational Institutions and the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions shall be the Executive Secretary of this Corporation.

REPORT NO. 36. JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS

Calendar No. 94. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 415.

M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Amend ¶ 1161, (1) By striking out the words, "and training" in Line 13 and adding words, "as well as for the circulation of Church School literature approved by the

Board of Education." (2) By striking out beginning on Line 16 the sentence, "The Executive Secretary shall make a full report to the Board annually, and to the General Board of Education," and adding the two sentences, "Annual Conference Executive Secretaries who are not members of the Jurisdictional Board may attend the meetings of the Board as visitors. The Executive Secretaries of the Board shall make a full report to the Board annually, and to each of the three Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Education," so that ¶ 1161 as amended shall read:

¶ 1161. The Executive Secretary shall have responsibility for the general oversight and promotion of all the work of the Board and in the direction and supervision of its salaried workers. On nomination of the Executive Secretary such other salaried workers as the Board may deem necessary shall be elected. Due consideration shall be given to the need for specialized leadership in College institutional promotion and in the field of work with children; with young people, including student religious activities; with adults, and in the areas of missions and social problems, extension work in rural areas, and in leadership education as well as for the circulation of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education. All salaried officers shall attend the meetings of the Jurisdictional Board and shall have all the privileges of members except the privilege of voting. Annual Conference Executive Secretaries who are not members of the Jurisdictional Board may attend the meetings of the Board as visitors. The Executive Secretary shall make a full report to the Board annually, and to each of the three Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Education. Other salaried workers shall report as may be required to the Executive Secretary.

REPORT NO. 37. THE COMMITTEE ON THE LOCAL CHURCH
Calendar No. 95. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 445.
M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Amend the last Paragraph in ¶ 1160 by adding following the words, "The Committee on the Local Church shall study the educational" the words "and curriculum" so that the sentence as amended shall read:

¶ 1160. The Committee on the Local Church shall study the educational and curriculum needs of the Local Churches and of Annual Conference Boards of Education, shall consider the recommendations of the Executive Secretary of the Jurisdictional Board, and shall make recommendations to the Board.

REPORT NO. 38. JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS
Calendar No. 96. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 414.
M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Strike out ¶ 1155 and substitute the following:

¶ 1155. The Board shall be composed of the effective Bishops within the Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from each

Annual Conference, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Annual Conference Board of Education. The Annual Conference representatives on the Jurisdictional Board shall be elected by the Conference from nominations made by the Annual Conference Board of Education, at its session next preceding the Jurisdictional Conference. In addition there shall be Youth members at large, one from each Episcopal Area as it existed prior to the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference at which the Board is constituted. These Youth members shall be twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their selection and shall be chosen by the Jurisdictional Conference Committee on Education from nominations made by the Youth organizations of each Annual Conference within the Jurisdiction. Care shall be taken to elect persons who are qualified for the work of the Board by experience in educational institutions and in the local church and by training and interest. No salaried officer of the Jurisdictional Board shall be a member of the Board. The Executive Secretary of the Board shall be an ex officio member.

REPORT NO. 39. JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS

Calendar No. 97. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 414.

M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Strike out ¶ 1153 and substitute the following:

¶ 1153. In each Jurisdiction there may be a Board of Education to promote the Institutional and Local Church programs of Christian Education and Church School Extension and the use of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education.

REPORT NO. 40. ENABLING ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Calendar No. 98. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 364.

M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Delete ¶ 1638 and substitute the following:

¶ 1638. Pending the time when the Board of Education of The Methodist Church shall be organized and shall begin legally to function under the *Discipline* as prescribed by the General Conference of 1940, the Joint Committee on Christian Education as created under the authority of ¶ 1639 of the 1939 *Discipline* is hereby empowered and instructed to correlate and carry on the work of the Board of Education of the three uniting Churches, due regard being given to the administration of such funds as are specifically restricted by legal enactments to the support of specified causes and interests.

The Joint Committee on Christian Education may adopt a provisional budget for the Board of Education, which budget may be operative from and after June 1, 1940, and until the same shall be amended or revised by the Board of Education; and may elect a Treasurer who shall receive and disburse the income of the Board in accordance with the budget aforesaid until the Board shall otherwise direct.

The Board of Education shall meet for organization not later than September 10, 1940, the exact date and place to be selected by the Joint Committee on Christian Education.

REPORT NO. 41. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION*Calendar No. 99. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.*

M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

Strike out ¶ 1082 and substitute the following:

¶ 1082. The Board shall be constituted quadrennially and shall be composed of all effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States, together with additional members selected as follows: Upon nomination of its Committee on Education, each Jurisdictional Conference shall elect to membership in the Board, one Minister, one Layman, and one Youth representative twenty-three years of age or under at the time of his election, and chosen from nominations made by the Youth organizations of the Annual Conferences within the Jurisdiction. In addition, upon nomination of its Committee on Education the Jurisdictional Conference shall elect one Minister and one Layman for each 300,000 members or major fraction thereof within the Jurisdiction, not more than two of whom shall come from one Annual Conference. At least three of the members thus elected shall be members of the Jurisdictional Board of Education. Care shall be taken to elect men and women who are qualified by experience in educational institutions or in the local church, and by training and interest, for the work of the Board in its three Divisions. *Ad interim* vacancies of the Board shall be filled by the Board from the Jurisdictions in which the vacancies occur.

The Board, on nomination of its Committee on Nominations, shall elect the members to three Divisions—Educational Institutions, Local Church, and Editorial—in the ratio of five, five, and two.

REPORT NO. 42. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARDS

Calendar No. 128. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 414.

M, 100; P, 54; F, 54

Strike out ¶ 1168 and substitute the following:

¶ 1168. The Board shall be composed of an equal number of Laymen and Ministers elected quadrennially, the number and manner of election to be determined by the Annual Conference; and, in addition, the President of the Conference Youth organization and three other young people, twenty years of age, or under, at the time of election, two of whom shall be chosen by the Conference Youth organization, and the other chosen by the Annual Conference Board of Education from nominations from the state or regional student organization or organizations operating within the territory of the Annual Conference, shall be members of the Board. Also the Board may nominate for membership on the Board such additional members, either lay or clerical, as it may deem advisable. Care shall be taken to elect persons who are qualified for the work of the Board by experience in educational institutions and in the local church, and by training and interest. No salaried officer of the Board shall be a member. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The members shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

REPORT NO. 43. METHODIST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Calendar No. 129. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 415.
M, 100; P, 58; F, 58

Amend ¶ 1124 by adding the following sentence at the end of the Paragraph, "The Division shall have authority to co-operate with the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education and other agencies in the promotion and holding of an Annual Meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education," so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

¶ 1124. The Division shall co-operate with other agencies in the promotion of Brotherhoods, Men's Councils, and kindred organizations to the end that the different organizations of the Church may be correlated under a unified program for aggressive Christian service. The Division shall have authority to co-operate with the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education and other agencies in the promotion and holding of an Annual Meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

Amend ¶ 1164 of the 1939 *Discipline* by adding the following sentence after the words "its own territory," "The Board shall have authority to co-operate with the General and Annual Conference Boards of Education and other agencies in the promotion and holding of an Annual Meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education," so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

¶ 1164. The Board shall have authority to co-operate with other Jurisdictional Boards in matters of common interest. It shall also have authority to co-operate with Inter-Church organizations and agencies. Each Annual Conference shall determine for itself to what extent it will co-operate with these agencies within its own territory. The Board shall have authority to co-operate with the General and Annual Conference Boards of Education and other agencies in the promotion and holding of an Annual Meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

Add new ¶ 1178 following ¶ 1177 to read as follows:

¶ 1178. The Board shall have authority to co-operate with other Annual Conference Boards in matters of common interest. It shall also have authority to co-operate with the General and Jurisdictional Boards of Education and other Agencies in the holding of an Annual Meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

REPORT NO. 44. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARDS

Calendar No. 130. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 415.
M, 100; P, 54; F, 54

Amend ¶ 1166 as printed in the 1939 *Discipline* by strik-

ing out the words, "and the program of Christian Education" and adding the words, "the program of Christian Education, and the use of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education" so that ¶ 1166 as amended shall read:

¶ 1166. In each Annual Conference there shall be a Board of Education elected by the Conference to promote Church School Extension, the program of Christian Education, and the use of Church School literature approved by the Board of Education.

Amend ¶ 1167 by inserting the words "Pastors' Schools," following the phrase, "to develop support for educational institutions," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 1167. The Conference Board shall be auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Board and shall co-operate with it and the General Board in advancing the interest of Christian education. It shall help to secure statistics and other information concerning the Colleges and local churches within its border; to develop support for educational institutions, Pastors' Schools, Wesley Foundations, and similar work in Methodist colleges, and for the entire program of Christian education in the local churches, and to promote intelligent use of the literature of the general Board. It shall hold at least one meeting annually in which the Jurisdictional Board may have representation.

Amend ¶ 1173, (1) by inserting following the first sentence of the Paragraph the following: "He shall give leadership and direction to the program of Christian education in the local churches; give active co-operation to the Methodist schools and colleges within the Conference; and help to integrate the work of Christian education as undertaken by the local church and by the schools and colleges." (2) By adding to the words found on Line 7, reading, "necessary shall be elected" the word, "annually." (3) By adding to the sentence ending on Line 11 with the word "organization," the words, "under the direction of the Conference Board of Education." (4) By adding to the sentence ending on Line 20 with the words "Children's Work" the words, "and such other workers as may be desired." (5) By adding to the sentence ending on line 21 with the words, "a full report annually" by adding the words, "both to the Conference Board of Education and to each of the three Executive Secretaries of the general Board of Education," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 1173. The Executive Secretary shall have responsibility for the general oversight and promotion of all the work of the Board and for the direction and supervision of any salaried and/or volunteer workers. He shall give leadership and direction to the program of Christian education in the local churches; give active co-operation to the Methodist schools and colleges within the Conference; and help to integrate the work of Christian education as undertaken by

the local church and by the schools and colleges. On nomination of the Executive Secretary, such other salaried and volunteer workers as the Board may deem necessary shall be elected annually. In the case of Annual Conference Directors of Young People's Work the nomination shall be made after consultation with the responsible officers of the Annual Conference Young People's Organization under the direction of the Conference Board of Education. The Executive Secretary, after conference with the District Superintendent and with the responsible officers of the age-group organizations within the Annual Conference may report to the Board for confirmation by the Annual Conference the following workers for each District, who, with the District Superintendent, shall constitute the District Staff of Christian Education: District Director of Adult Work, District Director of Young People's Work, District Director of Children's Work, and such other workers as may be desired. The Executive Secretary shall make a full report annually, both to the Conference Board of Education and to each of the three Executive Secretaries of the general Board of Education. Workers, salaried or volunteer, shall report as may be required to the Executive Secretary.

Report No. 45 was never put on the Calendar.—Editor.

REPORT NO. 46. EDITORIAL REVISION UPON PARAGRAPH ARRANGEMENT IN THE NEW DISCIPLINE

Calendar No. 164. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 445.
M, 100; P, 57; F, 57

1. On Page 346 of the *Discipline* delete the caption, "Local Church Boards of Education," which now appears between ¶¶ 1130 and 1131, and in its place insert the following caption, "Section IV Education in the Local Church." (The Sections of this Chapter shall be renumbered to conform to this action.)

2. Transfer ¶ 1178 to ¶ 1185, inclusive, a position immediately following present ¶ 1130 so that these Paragraphs shall become a part of Section III of the Chapter on Education.

3. Delete the caption, "Chapter VI," on Page 93 of the *Discipline*, and transfer ¶¶ 331 to 381 inclusive, to become a part of Section II of Chapter III on Education.

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 165 (DCA-334), Title: "Co-operating Committees," was withdrawn on Monday, May 6, 1940, with the consent of the Conference, after a statement by Arlo A. Brown, Chairman of the Committee.—Editor. See page 445.

REPORT NO. 48. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Calendar No. 178. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 414.
M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

To amend ¶ 344 as follows: In Line 7 delete the word "sixteen" and insert in its place the word "eighteen"; in

line 8 after the word "members," insert, "in which the Conference Board of Education shall have due representation"; in Line 18 after the word "require" insert the words, "and assist"; in line 20 delete the word "work" and insert in its place the words "undergraduate studies" so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

¶ 344. In each Annual Conference the Presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Cabinet, shall appoint a Board of Ministerial Training, consisting of not fewer than six nor more than eighteen members, in which the Conference Board of Education shall have due representation, care being taken to select men with special qualifications for this work. This Board shall be appointed at the first session following the General Conference for a term of four years. The Board of Ministerial Training shall urge all Conference undergraduates to attend a School of Theology approved by the University Senate, and shall encourage and assist them in every practicable way to complete the course leading to a Bachelor of Divinity degree or its equivalent in the School of Theology. The Board shall require and assist all Conference undergraduates who are not attending a School of Theology approved by the University Senate to pursue their undergraduate studies promptly in a standard Pastors' School or Summer School for Ministerial Training, or by correspondence. It shall co-operate with our Schools of Theology by recommending from the Annual Conference students with definite ministerial promise. Vacancies in the Board of Ministerial Training shall be filled by the Bishop after consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

To amend ¶ 353 by inserting at the close of the Paragraph, after the word "body," the following: "The amount to be asked for the support of this work is to be determined after consultation between the Commission and the Division of Educational Institutions." The Paragraph as amended will then read:

¶ 353. The work of the Commission on Courses of Study shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the authoritative body. The amount to be asked for the support of this work is to be determined after consultation between the Commission and the Division of Educational Institutions.

REPORT No. 49. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND CO-ORDINATION

Calendar No. 179. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 445.
M, 100; P, 60; F, 60

Amend ¶¶ 1046 and 1179 by adding at the conclusion of the Paragraph the following words:

The Committee set up under the authority of the 1939 *Discipline* shall be continued until the new Committee shall be appointed.

REPORT No. 50. UNIFORM LESSONS. (MEMORIAL No. 799)

Calendar No. 180. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

The committee recommends non-concurrence and reference to the Board of Education for study and such action as may be appropriate.

REPORT NO. 51. MEMORIALS NOS. 743, 712, 677, 630, 521, 487, 342, 322, 277, 320, 742, 703, 811, 374

Calendar No. 181. Non-Concurrence. M, 100; P, 63; F, 63

The substance of these memorials is covered in other reports of the committee. The committee therefore recommends non-concurrence.

XIV. COMMITTEE ON ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

Chairman, Arthur A. Callaghan (Maine).

Vice-Chairman, Merton S. Gibbs (Genesee).

Secretary, D. Stewart Patterson (Baltimore).

(J. Emerson Ford (South Carolina) was elected Secretary, but resigned on account of other pressing duties and D. Stewart Patterson (Baltimore) was elected Secretary.—Editor.)

Report No. 1, Calendar No. 136 (DCA-292 and 293), Title: "Enabling Act for Administration of Work of Boards of Education of the Three Uniting Churches Between the General Conference, 1940, and the Beginning of Legal Functioning of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church," was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, on Saturday, May 4, 1940, as the legislation had been taken care of in another Report.—Editor. See page 404.

REPORT NO. 2. FOR CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS, HOMES, AND DEACONESS WORK PENDING REORGANIZATION

Calendar No. 137. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 405.

M, 36; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 752, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled that:

Pending the election of members and the organization of the Board of Managers of The Board of Hospitals and Homes as provided by the Uniting Conference and General Conference of 1940, the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work shall be continued and it shall discharge the duties committed to the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church under its constitution and by the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1936. It shall administer all funds held by the Corporation according to the Charter. Owing to the changes incident to the reorganization of the deaconess work and the payment of pensions to the retired deaconesses, the time for the organization of the Board shall not be earlier than October 1, 1940.

REPORT NO. 3. CONTINUATION OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, WITH AMENDMENTS IN CONSTITUTION

Calendar No. 138. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 405.

M, 36; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 88, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled that—

The following changes shall be made in the Constitution of the Board of Church Extension of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to wit:

Instead of ¶ 496, Page 246 of the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of 1938, the following shall be substituted:

"Article 1: There shall be a Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and thirteen managers to be elected quadrennially by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church; the officers and members of the Board of Managers shall continue in office until their successors are elected and accept. The Bishops shall be, ex officio, members of the Board. The Board of Missions and Church Extension shall fill all vacancies that may occur during the quadrennium for which the members were elected."

Instead of ¶ 499, Page 247 of the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of 1936, the following shall be substituted:

"Article IV: The Board shall be located in Louisville, Kentucky, and shall meet at least annually, and at such other times as the Board, or the President and Secretary, may appoint. Nine shall constitute a quorum. The fiscal year of the Board shall close March 31."

REPORT NO. 4. CONTINUATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Calendar No. 139. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 405.

M, 36; P, 19; F, 19

Be it enacted that the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an Ohio corporation, is authorized to continue as at present until its annual meeting in 1940, and to continue its corporate existence thereafter so long as may be necessary to protect property rights as provided in ¶ 1632, *Discipline* of 1939.

In order to carry out these purposes it shall have authority to make proper amendments to its Constitution and By-Laws and especially with reference to the membership in the corporation but all vacancies in such membership occurring after the annual meeting of August, 1940, shall be filled only with the approval of The Home Department of The Woman's Division of Christian Service.

All Conference corporations of this Society shall likewise be continued so far as necessary to protect property rights.

REPORT NO. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD OF MISSIONS, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, TO CONTINUE OPERATION UNDER EXISTING CHARTER AND CONSTITUTION PENDING ORGANIZATION OF NEW BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION AND FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

Calendar No. 182. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 405.

M, 36; P, 19; F, 19

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 479, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

1. In accordance with the action of the Uniting Conference as set forth in ¶ 1614, Item 2 of the *Discipline*, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a Corporation of the State of Tennessee, is authorized to continue under its existing Charter and Constitution and with its existing Managers and Officers until its successor, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, is in legal position to control and manage the properties, and trust funds "in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established."

2. That (1) when the Board of Missions and Church Extension is organized and begins operations under its Charter and the Charters for its Administrative Divisions duly issued by the State where said Board is located, that the Charter of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, issued under the laws of the State of Tennessee, be kept effective for the purpose of carrying out the provisions set forth in ¶ 1614, Item 2, and to accomplish these purposes in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and

(2) That the Constitution of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in the *Discipline* of 1938, Chapter XI, entitled "Missions" Section I, begins at ¶ 513 to and including ¶ 549, be amended as set forth below to become effective when the Charter and Charters of the Administrative Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension have been issued and the Board has begun its administrative and legal operations.

First, amend ¶ 513, Art. (1) by inserting "former" before "Methodist" in the second line, and insert after "South," in line 6, the following: "under the laws of the State of Tennessee."

Also strike out the remainder of (1) of ¶ 513, beginning with "The Board," in Line 14.

Second, strike out ¶ 514, Art. II (1), (2), and (3), and insert instead thereof:

(1) The Board shall be composed of the Bishops of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, a President, Vice-President, a General Secretary and eighteen Managers, twelve men and six women elected quadrennially by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. The President, Vice-President and Managers shall be elected from among the membership of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The General Secretary shall be

elected from among the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The officers and members of the Board shall continue until their successors are elected. The Board of Missions and Church Extension is also authorized to fill vacancies in the Board of Managers.

(2) The Board shall conduct its operations in two Sections, viz., General Work and Woman's Work and may appoint such Committees as may be deemed necessary.

(3) The Board shall elect a Treasurer for General Work and a Treasurer for Woman's Work, and such other officers as may be necessary and is further empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur in its officary.

(4) The duties of the General Secretary shall be to have general supervision of the affairs of the Board, and to be the legal executive thereof.

(5) The Treasurers shall hold the funds, in safe deposit and hold the securities, bonds, annuities, and other documents, such as deeds, certificates, etc., subject to the authorization of the Board and the order of the General Secretary. The Treasurers shall be bonded in such sums as the Board may determine.

Strike out ¶ 515 (1) and (2), Article III, and insert the following:

(1) The Board shall have authority to regulate its proceedings in harmony with the constitution of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, and shall make by-laws in harmony with that constitution, to sue and be sued and to do any and all things necessary in transferring property, trusts, endowments and all other assets to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. It shall also transfer its administration of Missions in Foreign lands and in the United States, in both the General and Woman's Sections to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and its respective administrative Divisions execute such work as may be done by the Annual Conferences.

(2) It shall have authority to appropriate for its expenses from funds in its possession, or failing to have funds for such purposes shall have the necessary expenses of its operations paid by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Third, strike out the remaining Paragraphs beginning at ¶ 516, to the end of the Chapter to and including ¶ 549.

REPORT NO. 6. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 186. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 586, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be and the same is hereby amended in each of the following respects:

1. *Section 3, Article 1*: "Name and Object," so that the name shall be changed from Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Board of Foreign Missions of The Methodist Church and to modify all other Paragraphs of the Constitution to make this new name effective.

2. *Article 3, "Board of Managers," ¶ 2*, which now reads: "The Board of Managers shall consist of thirty-two Traveling Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and thirty-two Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Bishops. All the Effective Bishops and Effective Missionary Bishops shall be ex officio members of said Board. In constituting this Board of Managers, the Bishops shall nominate one representative from each Area in the United States, preserving as nearly as possible an equality in the number of Ministers and Laymen," so that this Paragraph shall read as follows:

"The Board of Managers shall consist of those persons who are appointed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension to constitute the personnel of the Division of Foreign Missions and shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Missions and Church Extension as the Board of Managers of the Board of Foreign Missions of The Methodist Church."

3. *Article 3, ¶ 4*, which reads:

"The Board of Managers shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of twenty-one members. This Committee shall meet monthly at the headquarters of the Board in New York City, unless otherwise ordered by the Board," so that it will read:

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of The Methodist Church shall be those persons who are appointed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension to constitute the personnel of the Executive Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions and shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

4. *Article 3, ¶ 5*, which reads in part, "To elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and such assistants as may be necessary, a Recording Secretary, and such assistants and other Secretaries as may be necessary," so that it will read as follows:

"To elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer and such assistants as may be necessary, a Recording Secretary, and such assistants and other Secretaries as may be necessary."

5. *Article 4*, by eliminating the entire Article which now reads as follows:

"There may be two Corresponding Secretaries, having co-ordinate power who shall be the Executive Officers of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Secretary or Secretaries shall be elected by the General Conference quadrennially.

"They shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Managers and their salaries, which shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, shall be paid out of the Treasury. They shall be employed exclusively in conducting the correspondence of the Board, in furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence, in promoting the work committed to this Board and the general interests of the cause by correspondence, travel and such other activities as the service involves and the Board may approve."

REPORT NO. 7. CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD OF HOME
MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 187. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 543, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted that the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The existence of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be continued in conformity with its charter and the laws of the State of Pennsylvania in order adequately to safeguard annuity, permanent and other trust funds and property and to protect the interests of those persons and causes for which said funds exist or may have been established, until the General Conference shall direct otherwise; and

Further said Board is authorized to do all acts and things necessary to carry out the directions of the General Conference pertaining to its further operation and to the transfer of said permanent trust and other funds to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, when and as the same may be done according to law and the terms of the various trusts.

The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension is authorized and empowered to fix the number and to elect the Managers of said Corporation, acting in this regard on behalf and in place of the General Conference; and also to elect the Secretary and Treasurer of said Board. Said Corporation is further authorized and empowered to apply for any Amendments to its Charter made necessary by the action of the General Conference.

REPORT NO. 8. AMENDING CHARTER OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF FORMER METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 188. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted that the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its eleven Branches are hereby authorized and empowered to do such acts and apply for such amendments to their Charters as may be necessary to carry out the directions of the General Conference of The Methodist Church, pertaining to their and each of their corporate operations and to the transfer of their assets, their endowment, trust and annuity funds to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church when and as they can make such transfer and assignments in accordance with their Charters and the terms and conditions of said permanent trust and annuity funds, provided that all the funds of the Society be carefully safeguarded and administered in the interests of those persons and causes for which they were given or established.

REPORT No. 9. COMMITTEE TO HEAR DISPUTES CREATED BY CHANGE IN CONFERENCE AND JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES
Calendar No. 202. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 431.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 705, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

In any case in which the establishment of Jurisdictional or Annual Conference boundary lines results, or has resulted, in depriving any person, Church or Conference of any right or interest he or it may have held in or to any funds, property or resources heretofore created, and such persons, Church or Conference is unable to secure recognition of or compensation for his or its rights or interest therein, such person, Church or Conference shall request the resident Bishop, in case such property dispute is entirely within a Conference or Area; or the effective Bishops resident within the Areas or Jurisdictions involved, if such dispute involves more than one Area or Jurisdiction for the appointment of a Committee to hear and determine such dispute.

Upon receipt of such a request, such Bishop or Bishops shall immediately appoint a Committee of five members from the Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions involved, three ministers and two laymen, who shall, at the earliest practicable time meet at a time and place to be fixed by such Bishop or Bishops and hear and determine the rights of the respective parties in and to such funds, property or resources.

REPORT No. 10. AMENDMENT OF ¶ 1635, 1939 DISCIPLINE, PERTAINING TO MISSION BOARDS

Calendar No. 189. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.
 M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled that:

¶1635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

¶1635. The Constitutions of the several Corporations mentioned in ¶1632 of the *Discipline* of 1939, adopted by the Uniting Conference, shall remain as the Constitutions of the several eleven Corporations except as modified or changed by the General Conference of 1940 or any succeeding General Conference or by any legislative act.

Any and all acts done or performed by any of the several Corporations named in ¶1632 under or pursuant to said *Discipline* of 1939 or any provision thereof are hereby expressly ratified, approved and confirmed.

Each and every one of the said Corporations named in ¶1632 is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to take whatever steps may be legally necessary to enable it to change the number, qualifications, and membership and the manner of election of its governing Board by whatsoever name. Said Corporations are further authorized and empowered to take such steps and do any and all things legally necessary to amend their respective Charters or Constitutions in any manner or respect that may in their judgment be necessary to carry out the purposes of the said Corporation and to comply with the acts

of any General Conference of The Methodist Church in respect to their functions and duties and the administration and transfer of any permanent and other trust funds and property and to protect the interests of those persons and causes for which said funds exist, or may have been established. Said Corporations are further hereby authorized, directed and empowered to take any and all steps which may be legally necessary to continue said respective Corporations in existence until any and all funds and property controlled by, or in possession of, any such Corporation shall have been fully administered and said Corporation legally dissolved.

REPORT NO. 11. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING ANGOLA
MISSION CONFERENCE TO ORGANIZE INTO AN
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 190. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 831, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating thereto, the Angola Mission Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 12. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING SOUTHEAST
AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE TO ORGANIZE INTO AN
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 191. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 406.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 828, and recommends the following:

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating thereto, the Southeast Africa Mission Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 13. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING PACIFIC
JAPANESE MISSION TO ORGANIZE INTO A MISSION
CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 203. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 456.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Upon full compliance with all provisions of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating thereto, including the approval of the presiding Bishop, the

Pacific Japanese Mission shall be organized into a Mission Conference within the quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 14. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING HAWAII MISSION TO ORGANIZE INTO A MISSION CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 204. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 456.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Upon full compliance with all provisions of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating thereto, including the approval of the presiding Bishop, the Hawaii Mission may be organized into a Mission Conference.

REPORT NO. 15. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING LATIN AMERICAN MISSION TO ORGANIZE INTO A MISSION CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 192. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 407.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1940 relating thereto, including the approval of the presiding Bishop, the Latin American Mission shall be organized into a Mission Conference during the quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 16. RE-ENACTMENT OF ¶ 1620, 1939 DISCIPLINE

Calendar No. 193. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 407.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled that:

The General Conference of The Methodist Church, does hereby affirm, re-enact and continue the provisions of ¶ 1620 of the 1939 *Discipline*, except as altered or amended by the General Conference of 1940.

Any and all acts done under the provisions of the 1939 *Discipline* or any Paragraph thereof is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

REPORT NO. 17. GENERAL ENABLING ACT

Calendar No. 194. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 407.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, that any and all Corporations heretofore organized or incorporated under the laws of any State, under or pursuant to authority heretofore granted by any General Conference of either the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist

Episcopal Church, South, or the Methodist Protestant Church be, and they, and each of them, are hereby authorized and directed to make, or cause to be made, any change or changes, amendment or amendments in and to their respective Charters, Constitutions or Articles of Incorporation that may be necessary to adapt the same to, and make compliance with the Plan of Union as adopted by the three uniting Churches, The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church, and with the Constitution of The Methodist Church and the provisions of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church as adopted in the General Conference of 1940, relating to such Corporations, or to any of them, to the end that any and all rights, interests and property of said Corporations, or of any of them, may be properly safeguarded and preserved.

REPORT NO. 18. PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES,
AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARDS, ETC., UNTIL
MEETING OF THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 233. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 431.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The salary of any employee, agent, representative or officer, of any Board, Commission or Agency, of any of the uniting Churches, who is a member of an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and whose services shall be discontinued by reason of any action taken by the General Conference of 1940, shall continue and be provided by the Board, Commission or Agency, by which he is now employed, and by its successor until such time as the Annual Conference of which such employee, agent, representative or officer is a member, shall meet;

Provided, however, that the salary hereby authorized shall cease and determine if and when any such person shall assume other full-time employment prior to the convening of his Annual Conference.

REPORT NO. 19. AMENDMENT TO ¶ 1632

Calendar No. 234. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 431.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Amend ¶ 1632 of the 1939 *Discipline* by adding after the words "State of New York" in Lines 12, 13, the following:

"And such other corporations as are affiliated with it wherever situated."

REPORT No. 20. ENABLING ACT GRANTING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE EAST GERMAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 235. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 432.
M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 that permission is granted the East German Conference, whose membership is below the requirements of the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 14, Section 4, to continue intact as an Annual Conference for the next quadrennium.

REPORT No. 21. ENABLING ACT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE NORWEGIAN-DANISH CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 236. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 432.
M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940, that permission is granted the Norwegian-Danish Conference, of the North Central Jurisdiction, whose membership has fallen below fifty; to continue as an Annual Conference during the next quadrennium or to dissolve, if it so desires.

REPORT No. 22. ENABLING ACT PERMITTING ORGANIZATION OF MALAYSIA CHINESE MISSION CONFERENCE INTO AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 237. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 433.
M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 that permission is granted the Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, to organize, during the next quadrennium, into an Annual Conference, within the Provisional Central Conference within whose territory it is located.

REPORT No. 23. DISSOLVING OF CENTRAL NORTHWEST CONFERENCE TO MERGE WITH OTHER CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 238. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 433.
M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted that permission is granted the Central Northwest Conference to discontinue, during the next quadrennium, its organization, and merge with English-speaking conferences within whose geographical territory it is located.

REPORT NO. 24. REPRESENTATION IN JURISDICTIONAL
CONFERENCE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Calendar No. 239. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 433.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Such Annual Conferences as failed to elect members to the Jurisdictional Boards of Education (as required in ¶ 1155) prior to May 1, 1940, and which will not have sessions making possible these elections before the organization of the Jurisdictional Boards of Education in the late summer of 1940 may be represented in said original organizational Jurisdictional Boards from appointments by the action of the District Superintendents of the said Conferences. These appointments shall be made from Conference Boards of Education including Youth Members, provided, that the Youth representatives shall be named by the Executive Committee of the Youth Organization.

That the provisions as stated in this Paragraph shall apply to the other Jurisdictional Boards and Agencies as their needs may require.

REPORT NO. 25. ENABLING ACT REGARDING SIZE OF
COMMITTEES IN ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Calendar No. 240. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 433.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Your Committee has had before it Memorial No. 207 and recommends the following:

Be it enacted that hereafter in the appointment of Annual Conference Committees, the provisions of the *Discipline* concerning membership requirements shall be held to be *minimum* requirements and that each Annual Conference may make its Committees of such size as its work may need.

REPORT NO. 26. PERMISSION TO EASTERN SWEDISH
CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE

Calendar No. 241. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 434.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, that permission is granted to the Eastern Swedish Conference to continue its existence as an Annual Conference until not later than April 30, 1942, in order that proper adjustments may be made for merging with other Conferences.

Be it also enacted that the Northeastern Jurisdiction is empowered to complete arrangements for such necessary merger or mergers.

REPORT NO. 27. RESOLUTION REGARDING EDITORIAL CHANGE
Calendar No. 242. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 434

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Moved that the phrasing of ¶ V of the Declaration of Union as it appears in that document on page 13 of the 1939 *Discipline* be changed so as to include the word "in" so as to conform with ¶ 1615, so that the corrected sentence shall then read:

The Methodist Church is the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three Uniting Churches, in and through which the three Churches as one United Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and *Discipline* of the United Church; and such trusts or corporate bodies as exist in the constituent Churches shall be continued as long as legally necessary."

Report No. 27 above was adopted with the understanding that it involves an editorial change only and that it is referred to the Editors of the *Discipline*.—Editor.

(NOTE: Reports 28 to 42, inclusive, of the Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, were duly adopted Monday, May 6, 1940, without being printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, under a suspension of the Rules.—LUD H. ESTES, Editor GENERAL CONFERENCE JOURNAL.)

REPORT NO. 28. ENABLING ACT FOR THE GERMANY
CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 458.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

The Germany Central Conference is authorized to increase its number of Annual Conferences up to the number of ten if it should be deemed necessary during the ensuing quadrennium; provided, however, that this permission shall apply only to the territory included in the Germany Central Conference as defined in the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 1545, and in the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Episcopal Church for 1936, ¶ 1373.

REPORT NO. 29. ENABLING ACT FOR THE SWITZERLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 458.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

The Switzerland Annual Conference in the present emergency shall be given enlarged rights and privileges during the quadrennium 1940-44 only as indicated in the following specifications:

(1) The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to add to the business of the Annual Conference supplementary questions considered desirable or necessary for meeting its own needs; to make such adaptations in procedure as the peculiar conditions of the fields require; and to adapt the temporal economy of the Church within its own territory, including orders of business suitable for District and Quarterly Conferences.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Bishop in charge the Switzerland Annual Conference shall have the power to prescribe courses of study for its Ministry including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female, and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these courses.

(3) The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to conform the detailed rules, rites, and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, to the statute laws of Switzerland.

(4) The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary; such changes to require the approval of the Bishop in charge.

(5) The Switzerland Annual Conference is authorized to adapt rules of procedure for the trial and appeal of its Ministers as the necessities of the field may require; to appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling Preacher of that Conference from the decision of a Committee of trial; provided, however, that these rules shall in all respects conform to the restrictions and limitations prescribed in the chapter on Judicial Administration.

The foregoing authorization for the Switzerland Annual Conference during the quadrennium of 1940-44 is extended also to any Annual Conference within the territory of the Northern Europe Central Conference until such a time as session of that Central Conference can be held.

REPORT NO. 30. ENABLING ACT FOR THE BALTIC AND SLAVIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 458.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

Authority is given to the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference to become the Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Annual Conferences or Provisional Annual Conferences or Missions if it be deemed wise to make such change during the ensuing quadrennium.

REPORT NO. 31. ENABLING ACT FOR THE AFRICA
PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE*Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 458.*

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

It is hereby enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

The Africa Provisional Central Conference (§ 1552 of the 1939 *Discipline*) and the Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference (§ 1553 of the 1939 *Discipline*) shall have the powers of a Central Conference as set forth in §§ 460-482 of the *Discipline* of 1939, and in such changes as may be made in those Paragraphs in the *Discipline* of 1940 except the power to elect Bishops.

REPORT NO. 32. ENABLING ACT FOR THE CHINA
CENTRAL CONFERENCE*Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.*

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940, of The Methodist Church in session assembled, that:

The China Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect three Bishops for China, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in this field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

REPORT NO. 33. ENABLING ACT FOR THE CENTRAL
CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ASIA*Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.*

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Central Conference of Southern Asia is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for India and Burma, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than four Bishops resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

REPORT NO. 34. ENABLING ACT FOR THE LATIN AMERICA
CENTRAL CONFERENCE*Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.*

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Latin America Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect two Bishops for South America, *provided* that that there shall not be more than two Bishops in that field during the quadrennium

ending in 1944. The Central Conference, however, of Latin America is authorized (§ 451 of the 1939 book of *Discipline*) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and power as provided under Central Conference legislation, *provided* that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

REPORT NO. 35. ENABLING ACT FOR THE NORTHERN
EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Northern Europe Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for Northern Europe, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944.

REPORT NO. 36. ENABLING ACT FOR THE PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The Philippine Islands Central Conference is hereby authorized to elect one Bishop for the Philippine Islands, *provided*, that by such election there shall not be more than one Bishop resident in that field during the quadrennium ending in 1944. The Central Conference of the Philippine Islands, however, is authorized (§ 451 of the 1939 book of *Discipline*) by the General Conference to conduct a Central Conference with the privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation—*provided*, that it shall have at least a total of fifteen Ministerial and fifteen Lay Delegates on the regular basis of representation.

REPORT NO. 37. ENABLING ACT FOR EPISCOPAL VACANCIES
WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 459.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

If an Episcopal vacancy should occur, by death, resignation, or otherwise, within the bounds of the Central Conferences of Latin America, Eastern Asia, Southern Asia, Germany, Northern Europe, the Philippine Islands, during the quadrennium, the Central Conference within which such vacancy occurs is authorized to elect a Bishop, in case the vacancy is in an Area previously filled by a Central Conference; it is also authorized to elect a Bishop in case the Council of

Bishops do not fill the vacancy by appointment of a retired Bishop, or otherwise, and provided that at no time during the quadrennium shall there be more than two Bishops or Missionary Bishops within the bounds of the Central Conference of Latin America; or more than four within the bounds of the Central Conference of Eastern Asia; or more than four within the bounds of the Central Conference of Southern Asia; or more than one within the Central Conference of Germany; or more than one within the Northern Europe Central Conference; or more than one within the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands.

REPORT NO. 38. ENABLING ACT FOR KALGAN MISSION
CONFERENCE

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 460.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Permission is granted the Kalgan Mission Conference to organize into an Annual Conference when it shall have met the necessary disciplinary requirements.

REPORT NO. 39. ENABLING ACT FOR CALIFORNIA ORIENTAL
MISSION

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 460.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

The California Oriental Mission when it shall have met the requirements as set forth in ¶ 491 of the *Discipline* of 1939, may be organized into a Mission Conference. It is provided that the Western Jurisdiction shall in this case be substituted for a Central Conference.

REPORT NO. 40. ENABLING ACT FOR CONTINUANCE OF
METHODIST PROTESTANT COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 460.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

All Boards, Commissions or Corporations of the former Methodist Protestant Church are hereby continued in full power and effectiveness until new Boards are set up by the successor Methodist Church and the aforesaid Boards of the former Methodist Protestant Church shall have been merged with the successor Boards.

Be it further enacted that the Executive Committee of the former Methodist Protestant Church shall have the right to exercise all powers granted to it by the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Protestant Church, including its authority as Board of Managers for the General Superannuated Fund.

Be it further enacted that the Treasurer of the General Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church, H. C. Staley, shall be continued in office until the duties of said office shall have been completed.

REPORT NO. 41. ENABLING ACT CONTINUING CERTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 456.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Those English-speaking Annual Conferences having less than fifty members in full connection, except such for whose continuance provision may have been otherwise made shall be continued until the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference within whose bounds they are situated. Each of these Annual Conferences shall receive the most careful consideration by its Jurisdictional Conference, and such Jurisdictional Conference shall decide whether such Annual Conference with less than fifty full members shall continue as an Annual Conference, or its status shall be reduced to that of a provisional Annual Conference formerly called a Mission Conference or Mission or whether such Annual Conference shall be merged with some adjacent Annual Conference or Annual Conferences. In any such case, the decision of the Jurisdictional Conference shall govern the status of such Annual Conference.

(Note: It was the opinion of the Committee on Conferences of the General Conference of 1940 and the Committee on Enabling Acts of the same Conference that only in rare cases should Jurisdictional Conferences continue Annual Conferences, having less than fifty full members.)

REPORT NO. 42. ENABLING ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON COURSES OF STUDY AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 460.

M, 36; P, 27; F, 27

Be it enacted by the General Conference of 1940 of The Methodist Church, in session assembled, that:

Pending the selection and organization of the Commission on Courses of Study of The Methodist Church, the work of ministerial education as now carried on by the Commission on Courses of Study at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, and by the Department of Schools and Colleges of the General Board of Christian Education at Nashville, Tennessee, shall be continued with such co-ordination of administration and functions as may be practicable.

Furthermore, between June 1, 1940, the date when the ratios of distribution of World Service Funds for the support of General Boards, Commissions and other agencies authorized by the General Conference shall go into effect, and the date when the regularly constituted Treasurer of the Commission of Courses of Study is elected and duly empowered to receive the World Service Funds coming to this Commission, W. E. Hogan, the Treasurer and Business Manager of the

Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, is hereby empowered to receive and distribute the funds for this Commission to the office of the Commission on Courses of Study at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, and to the office of the Department of Schools and Colleges of the General Board of Christian Education at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, in such ratio as these offices after consultation shall determine.

IX. COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Chairman, Okey J. Carder (Missouri).

Secretary, Charles T. Greer (Erie).

Report No. 1, Calendar No. 13 (DCA-134) was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, on Wednesday, May 1, 1940, the Committee desiring to revise the Report. See page 258.

REPORT NO. 2. COMPOSITION BOARD OF MANAGERS BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Calendar No. 14. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 306.

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17

Amend ¶ 1253 of the *Discipline* by adding the words: "Provided that one member from each Jurisdiction shall be an active administrator of an institution under the General supervision of this Board," so that the new Paragraph will read:

Management. The management of the Board shall be vested in a Board of twenty-four managers, consisting of one Bishop from each Jurisdiction, and one minister, two lay members from each Jurisdiction, one of whom shall be a woman, to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference, provided that one member from each Jurisdiction shall be an active administrator of an institution under the general supervision of this Board.

REPORT NO. 3. FINANCING PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS

Calendar No. 15. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 307.

M, 26; P, 17; F, 17

Add to Section 2, Chapter 6, ¶ 1259 of the *Discipline* by adding a third item to read as follows:

The Annual Conference is authorized to employ such means for financing its Philanthropic Institutions as it may decide upon.

XII. COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

Chairman, James W. Moore (Virginia).
Secretary, Chapin D. Foster (Pacific Northwest).

REPORT No. 1. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ROME. (MEMORIAL No. 379)

Calendar No. 38. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 324.

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

Your Committee had before it for consideration a Paragraph in the Address of the Council of Bishops, together with Memorial No. 379 from the Staunton District of the Virginia Conference, relative to a representative at the Vatican, and begs leave to submit the following report:

The Bill of Rights which guarantees freedom of Religion, Assembly, Press, Speech, and other liberties is an essential part of the Constitution of the United States. Without it this Union of independent Sovereign States could not have been formed.

These principles must ever be held sacred and inviolate by a liberty-loving people. It is our firm belief that their preservation can be accomplished only by maintaining the complete separation of Church and State.

On this matter we endorse the following statement contained in the Address of the Council of Bishops:

We express our sincere appreciation of the oft-declared interest of the President of the United States on behalf of world peace and especially his frequent emphasis upon the social and religious foundations of peace, and we are ready to join with the Roman Catholic Church and with all other religious or secular organizations to promote world peace; but we do deplore and must firmly resist any union of Church and State, and are and will be unalterably opposed to any establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the United States.

We therefore respectfully but with genuine earnestness urged our President to recall Mr. Myron C. Taylor. His appointment has created a spirit of uneasiness and resentment in the minds of a great number of people, and instead of promoting peace has engendered discord and strife, which seems calamitous at this time when there is imperative need for harmonious united action on the part of all those who fear God and love righteousness.

REPORT No. 2. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Calendar No. 131. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 403.

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

Your Committee has before it for consideration the World
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Council of Churches now in process of organization. Your Committee approves this Council of Churches and respectfully recommends that the Council of Bishops be asked to provide for representation of The Methodist Church in case the first meeting of the World Council of Churches should be held before the next General Conference.

REPORT NO. 3. PERMANENT COMMISSION ON
INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

Calendar No. 132. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 403.
M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

Your Committee had before it for consideration the matter of organization of a Permanent Commission on Interdenominational Relations. Your Committee recommends the raising of such a Commission and that it be composed as follows: Six effective Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, to be elected by each Jurisdictional Conference.

We further recommend that if such a Commission is raised it secure from similar Commissions of the former Churches, any papers and records bearing upon work which might be continued by the new body.

Report No. 4, Calendar No. 133 (DCA-292), Title: "Memorial No. 622, Relations with The Methodist Church of Mexico," was not presented, as the matter was taken care of by a Report from the Committee on Conferences. Editor.

REPORT NO. 5. REPRESENTATION AT THE VATICAN
(MEMORIAL NO. 616)

Calendar No. 134. Non-Concurrence M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 616, dealing with representation at the Vatican and after consideration recommends non-concurrence for the reason that the subject has been dealt with in connection with a previous Memorial.

REPORT NO. 6. CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS
(MEMORIAL NO. 232)

Calendar No. 135. Non-Concurrence. M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

Your Committee had before it for consideration Memorial No. 232, which called upon the Conference through its representatives to invite the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America to take steps looking toward a conference sponsored by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish denominations between representatives of Capital and Labor, looking to a just solution of our economic problems.

Your Committee voted non-concurrence with this Memorial, not through objection to its purposes but for the reason that steps toward the calling of a conference which would reach the object of this Memorial, have already been taken by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

REPORT NO. 7. NOMINATIONS FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Calendar No. 195. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 403.

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15

This matter having been referred to it for action, your Committee begs leave to submit the following nominations for representatives of The Methodist Church in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America:

Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bishop John C. Broomfield, St. Louis, Mo.; Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, St. Paul, Minn.; Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, Jackson, Miss.; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dallas, Tex.; Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Washington, D. C.; Bishop John M. Moore, Dallas, Tex.; Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, Baltimore, Md.; Bishop Herbert Welch, New York, N. Y.; the Resident Bishop of the Boston Area; the Resident Bishop of the Washington Area.

MINISTERS

W. F. Blackard, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. A. Bowen, Nashville, Tenn.; J. E. Bowers, McAlester, Okla.; H. J. Burgstahler, Delaware, Ohio; G. O. Carpenter, Indianapolis, Ind.; W. G. Cram, New York, N. Y.; C. L. Daugherty, Pittsburgh, Pa.; R. F. Day, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; R. E. Diffendorfer, New York, N. Y.; R. W. Goodloe, Dallas, Tex.; A. L. Gunter, Spartanburg, S. C.; H. Daniel Hawver, Concord, N. H.; W. A. Hearn, Dover, Del.; D. W. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; F. S. Hickman, Durham, N. C.; L. H. Hough, Madison, N. J.; R. N. Keiser, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. D. Kohlstedt, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. W. Langdale, New York, N. Y.; T. B. Mather, Kansas City, Mo.; J. W. Mills, Tyler, Tex.; A. J. Mitchell, Baltimore, Md.; F. B. Newell, New York, N. Y.; J. M. Pearson, New York, N. Y.; J. Manning Potts, Richmond, Va.; W. F. Quillian, New York, N. Y.; L. J. Radcliffe, Syracuse, N. Y.; C. M. Reeves, Little Rock, Ark.; R. H. Ruff, Fayette, Mo.; C. E. Schofield, Denver, Colo.; W. E. Shaw, Bloomington, Ill.; R. L. Shipley, Baltimore, Md.; R. H. Short, Louisville, Ky.; R. J. Smith, Ardmore, Okla.; W. T. Smith, Burlington, Iowa; R. W. Sockman, New York, N. Y.; S. W. Taylor, High Point, N. C.; B. T. Waites, Gadsden, Ala.; L. A. Welliver, Harrisburg, Pa.; E. E. White, Plainview, Tex.

LAYMEN

Fred P. Adkins, Salisbury, Md.; E. H. Cherrington, Washington, D. C.; E. E. Collins, Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf, Madison, N. J.; Mrs. D. D. Forsyth, New York, N. Y.; Mrs. W. C. Hanson, Kansas City, Mo.; Hugh Harrison, Detroit, Mich.; T. F. Holgate, Evanston, Ill.; W. W. Jackson, San Antonio, Tex.; John W. Kyle, Sardis, Miss.; T. J. Lance, Young Harris, Ga.; L. H. McKay, Shron, Pa.; Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Nashville, Tenn.; W. F. McMurry, Paducah, Ky.; J. C. McQuiston, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Frank Maleny,

New York, N. Y.; Mrs. B. W. Meeks, Frederick, Md.; J. E. Moreland, Ashland, Va.; W. W. Parker, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; F. D. Parr, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Henry Phillips, Syracuse, N. Y.; N. D. Prince, Danielson, Conn.; Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger, Chillicothe, Ohio; Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., Shreveport, La.; C. A. Stuck, Jonesboro, Ark.; Frank Whitcher, Platteville, Wis.

ALTERNATES

Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop W. Walter Peele, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Tex.; Bishop James H. Straughn, Baltimore, Md.

MINISTERS

W. I. Farmer, Cambridge, Ohio; H. T. Freeman, Valdosta, Ga.; G. W. Hummel, Bowling Green, Ky.; Connor Morehead, Batesville, Ark.; John W. Shackford, Rock Hill, S. C.; F. L. Shaffer, Spencer, W. Va.; Marshall Steele, Dallas, Tex.; C. C. Weaver, Charlotte, N. C.

LAYMEN

Nolan M. Canter, Harrisonburg, Va.; Fred Herrigel, Newark, N. Y.; W. L. Hunt, Unadilla, N. Y.; H. L. Lowman, Goose Creek, Tex.; F. F. Stevens, Columbia, Mo.; W. C. Waterman, Port Byron, N. Y.

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 196 (DCA-344), Title: "Methodist Ecumenical Council Letter," was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, on Saturday, May 4, 1940, as the matter involved had been taken care of in another Report. Editor. See page 404.

Report No. 9 was never placed on the Calendar. Editor.

REPORT NO. 10. RELATIONS WITH COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 244. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 404.

M, 26; P, 11; F, 11

By action of the General Conference there was referred to this Committee a report from the Committee on Publishing Interests, for suitable action upon certain phases of the relationship of the Church with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

Your Committee recommends that the Board of Missions and Church Extension be authorized to appoint not more than 15 representatives to a Joint Commission on Co-operation and Counsel, with like representation from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, for study and consideration of the problems involved.

XIII. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman, Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona).

Vice-Chairman, Frank C. Propert (New Jersey).

Secretary, Archie E. McCrea (Michigan).

REPORT NO. 1. TRIAL OF LAYMEN AND MINISTERS

Calendar No. 37. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

This Committee had before it Memorials Numbers 356-365, inclusive, proposing amendments to §§ 635, 637, 678, 679, 680, 681, 701, 703, 704, 711, 713, and 741 of the *Discipline*, having to do with the trial of Laymen and Ministers, and reports as follows:

§ 635 to be amended by adding after the word "conviction" in the twelfth Line of said Paragraph, the words "by two-thirds vote thereof." The Paragraph will then read as follows:

"§ 635. The Bishop in charge, within not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days after the receipt of a copy of such charges, shall appoint counsel for the Church and notify the accused in writing to appear at a fixed time and place no less than ten days after service of such notice, to select the effective Elders who shall try the charges presented. At the appointed time the Bishop, upon nomination of a majority of the District Superintendents, and in the presence of the accused and his counsel, if requested, and counsel for the Church, shall select effective Elders of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a member. The counsel for the Church and the accused each shall have peremptory challenges to the number of four, and challenges for cause without limit. If by reason of challenges which are sustained the number is reduced below thirteen, additional Elders shall be named to take the place of the members challenged, so that the membership of the Trial Court shall consist of thirteen members. The Bishop in charge shall also fix the time and place for the trial, notice of which shall be given in writing to the accused by the counsel for the Church fifteen days in advance of the time fixed. The Bishop in charge, or another Bishop appointed by him, shall preside at the trial. The Presiding Bishop shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a record of the proceedings and of the testimony. The Court thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused and upon his conviction by a two-thirds vote thereof to suspend him from the functions of his office; or to depose him from his office, or the Ministry, or both; or to expel him from the Church; or in case of minor offenses to fix a lesser penalty. Its finding shall be final, subject to appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall make a faithful report in writing of all its proceedings, signed by the President and Secretary of the Committee, to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for entry in its Journal, and deliver up to

him therewith the bill of charges, and evidence taken, and the decision rendered, with all documents brought into the trial."

That ¶ 637 be amended by adding after the word "conviction" in the 9th Line on Page 195 the words "by two-thirds vote thereof." The Paragraph will then read as follows:

¶ 637. The Conference may appoint a Committee of thirteen effective Elders to try the accused, who shall have the right of unlimited challenge for cause and peremptory challenge of three. The Committee, in the presence of a Bishop or of a Chairman whom the President of the Conference shall have appointed, and one of the Secretaries of the Conference, shall try the case. The Committee thus constituted shall have full power upon his conviction by two-thirds vote thereof to suspend him; to depose him; to expel him; or to fix a lesser penalty. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conference. It shall make a faithful report in writing of all its proceedings, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Committee, to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for entry in its Journal before its final adjournment, and deliver up to him therewith the bill of charges, the evidence taken, and the decision rendered, with all documents brought into the trial.

That ¶ 678 of the *Discipline* be amended by adding after the last sentence thereof the following: "If, in the opinion of the Trial Committee, the preacher in charge is disqualified in the matter, so as to make it improper for him to preside, the Committee shall ask the District Superintendent of the District to name another preacher to preside." ¶ 678 will then read as follows:

¶ 678. In all the foregoing cases of trial enumerated in this Section the accused member shall be brought to trial before a Committee of not less than seven members of the Church. They shall be chosen by the Quarterly Conference or Official Board by ballot. The accused may challenge for cause and shall have three peremptory challenges and in case of such challenge, if the Preacher in charge judge it advisable for the obtaining of a fair trial, he shall call in a Committee of seven from any part of the District. The Preacher in charge shall preside at the trial. If, in the opinion of the Trial Committee, the Preacher in charge is disqualified in the matter, so as to make it improper for him to preside, the Committee shall ask the District Superintendent of the District to name another preacher to preside.

That ¶¶ 701 to 703, inclusive, of the *Discipline* be amended by the substitution of the language of ¶¶ 881, 882 of the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1936. They read as follows:

¶ 881. *Section 1.* At the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year, each Pastoral Charge shall select from among the members of the Church, one person of experience and sound judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be known as a Trier of Appeals for Members.

Section 2. When due notice (thirty days) of appeal has been given to the Superintendent of any District, he shall proceed, with due regard to the wishes and rights of the Appellant, to convene a Court of Appeals, which shall be constituted of such of the Triers of Appeals on his District as he shall summon, the number so summoned by him to be not more than fifteen nor less than nine; but the Trier of Appeals of the Charge to which the accused member belongs shall not be one of the number summoned. The District Superintendent shall give not less than ten nor more than thirty days' notice of the time and place at which the Court of Appeals will assemble, and such notice shall be given to all concerned. The Appellant shall have the right of peremptory challenge, provided, that the Triers of Appeals present and ready to proceed with the hearing shall not fall below seven, which number shall constitute a quorum. The District Superintendent shall preside.

Section 3. Said Court of Appeals shall be competent to hear appeals which may be presented to it from any Pastoral Charge on the District, due notice (thirty days) having been given to all concerned.

Section 4. If the District Superintendent shall find the convening of such a Court to be impracticable, or seriously inconvenient to the parties involved, with due regard to the rights and wishes of the Appellant, he shall have the appeal heard by a Quarterly Conference within his District; in which case no one who was in any way connected with the Trial shall sit as a member of the Quarterly Conference, to hear the appeal.

¶ 882. Any member of the Church against whom judgment is rendered by a Committee of Trial may appeal from such judgment to the Court of Appeals for Members as hereinbefore constituted, by giving written notice of his intention to the Preacher in Charge and to the District Superintendent within thirty days after said judgment is rendered.

That ¶ 741 of the *Discipline* be amended by substituting for the second and third sentences thereof, the following:

If the record shall have been transcribed, he shall certify the same before the defendant or appellant has withdrawn. If not, it may be certified by him at such later time as it may have been transcribed. He shall remain and preside until the decision is rendered and the findings completed, which he shall thereupon sign and certify. He shall express no opinion on the law or the facts while the Court is deliberating, unless the parties in interest be called in.

¶ 741, *Article 10*, as amended, will then read as follows:

In case of investigation, trial, or appeal the presiding officer shall not deliver a charge, reviewing or explaining the evidence or setting forth the merits of the case. If the record shall have been transcribed, he shall certify the same before the defendant or appellant has withdrawn. If not, it may be certified by him at such later time as it may have been transcribed. He shall remain and preside until the decision is rendered and the findings completed which he shall thereupon sign and certify. He shall express no opinion on the law or the facts while the Court is deliberating, unless the parties in interest be called in.

REPORT NO. 2. EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OF THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL*Calendar No. 39. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 303.*

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16

Your Committee considered the resolution concerning the Judicial Council referred to it by the General Conference on April 26, 1940, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, ¶ 610 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church provides that the Judicial Council shall have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Judicial Administration be requested to prepare and report promptly to this Conference for adoption or rejection suitable legislation authorizing and empowering the Judicial Council to decide all questions of law referred to it by the General Conference.

¶ 43, *Sections* 1 to 4, inclusive, and ¶¶ 604 to 609, inclusive, of the 1939 *Discipline*, vests in the Judicial Council only Appellate Jurisdiction in the specific cases therein described; and ¶ 1624 of the same *Discipline*, prescribed an additional case for the exercises of Appellate Jurisdiction in the Judicial Council. The resolution above quoted either intended to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council so as to include power now vested in other departments of the Church, or to authorize the exercises of original jurisdiction upon questions that might be submitted by the General Conference; in either of which cases, it would not only be of doubtful legality, but would tend to impose upon the Judicial Council—which is to all intents and purposes the Supreme Court of Methodism—duties and power inconsistent with the evident Appellate character of its jurisdiction as shown by Paragraphs of the 1939 *Discipline* above cited.

Therefore, your Committee recommends that no additional legislation is necessary in order to enable the Judicial Council to exercise its Appellate Jurisdiction conferred by the paragraphs of the 1939 *Discipline* herein referred to; and that it would be unable to comply with the terms of said resolution by formulating legislation until the General Conference had more definitely indicated what "other duties and powers" it wishes to confer upon the Judicial Council, in addition to those already granted.

REPORT NO. 3. APPEAL OF A TRAVELING PREACHER

Calendar No. 59. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 354.

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

Amendment to Part 5, Chapter 4, Section 2 of the *Dis-*

cipline by inserting between ¶¶ 694 and 695 a new Paragraph to read as follows:

In case of conviction, a traveling preacher shall have the right of appeal to the Jurisdictional Committee of Appeals as above constituted; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he shall notify the President of the Conference in writing of his intention to appeal.

**REPORT NO. 4. A REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
EMPOWER AND REQUEST THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL
TO MAKE A DECISION**

Calendar No. 183. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 404.
M, 26; P, 12; F, 12

No quorum being present, the Committee proceeded under suspension of the rule and asks the General Conference to confirm its action.

Resolution by C. F. Bohmfalk referred to the Committee by the General Conference.

WHEREAS, The former Southern Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in its last session, before it disbanded, perpetuated a Conference Board of Trustees, as recorded in the minutes of said Conference's last session on Pages 314 and 293 (a copy of which accompanies this resolution). This said Board of Trustees was perpetuated for the purpose of liquidating certain assets and then to pay off some of the obligations of this Conference, as far as the assets would allow. And,

WHEREAS, Said Southern Conference also passed a resolution, as recorded in its minutes on Page 338 (a copy of which is appended herewith). In this resolution said Conference designated its legal successors to take effect as soon as these successors are duly organized. Said successors are now duly organized. And,

WHEREAS, Legal minds have questioned the legality of perpetuating such a Board of Trustees, since it would carry over an old board into the new Methodist Church. And,

WHEREAS, This matter was brought to the attention of Bishop A. Frank Smith and Bishop Charles L. Mead, in a Committee meeting at the Gunther Hotel at the time of the Methodist Advance meeting at San Antonio, Texas, and Bishop Mead concurred with a ruling made by Bishop Smith that the perpetuation of the Board of Trustees of the former Southern Annual Conference is illegal. And,

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith's ruling was not made, either in an Annual Conference or a District Conference, as required by the *Discipline*. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the General Conference empower and request the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church to make a decision and report its decision to the General Conference.

C. F. BOHMFALK,
MAX B. BRANDENBERGER.

Your Committee recommends that, whereas the resolution presents no occasion for Legislative action, and redress for the alleged error in the decision of the Bishop must be

sought through an appeal to the Judicial Council in the manner provided for in the *Discipline*, no action be taken by the General Conference.

REPORT NO. 5. HARMONIZING JUDICIAL OPINIONS

Calendar No. 184. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 404.

M, 26; P, 12; F, 12

No quorum being present, the Committee proceeded under suspension of the rule and asks the General Conference to confirm its action.

Resolution of Chester A. Smith referred to the Committee by the General Conference.

HARMONIZING JUDICIAL OPINIONS

Amend Part 5, Chapter I, of the *Discipline* by adding the following:

¶ 612. If it should occur that the opinion or decision of a Committee of Appeals of a Jurisdictional Conference should decide a point or question of law contrary to a decision of the Committee of Appeals of another Jurisdictional Conference, then:

a. Any person, Conference or organization interested therein may appeal the case to the Judicial Council on the ground of such conflict of decisions, or

b. The Committee of Appeals rendering the last of such opinions or decisions may certify the case to and file it with the Judicial Council, on the ground of such conflict of decisions, or

c. The attention of the President of the Judicial Council being directed to such conflict, or alleged conflict of decisions, he may issue an order, in the nature of a writ of certiorari, directing the Secretaries of the Committees of Appeals involved to certify a copy of a sufficient portion of the record to disclose the nature of the case, and the entire opinion and decision of the Committee of Appeals in each case to the Judicial Council for its consideration at its next meeting.

d. The Judicial Council shall hear and determine the question of law involved but shall not pass upon the facts in either case further than is necessary to decide the question of law involved. After deciding the question of law, the Judicial Council shall cause the same to be certified to each of the Committees of Appeals involved, and such Committees of Appeals shall take such action, if any, as may be necessary under the law as settled by the Judicial Council.

Report No. 6, Calendar No. 252 (DCA-402) was presented with the statement there was no quorum present. A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana) raised the point of order that the matters involved could come up under Resolutions, when they were considered. Bishop H. Lester Smith, in the Chair, ruled the point of Order well taken. Editor. See page 430.

I. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Chairman, Nathan Newby (Southern California-Arizona).

Vice-Chairman, William C. Hartinger (Indiana).

Secretary, Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon).

REPORT NO. 1. REFERENCE OF THE REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Calendar No. 9. Adopted April 27. See Journal, Page 241.
M, 104; P, 92; F, 68; A, 23; N, 1

The General Conference on April 26 referred to the Standing Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy the report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions presented to the General Conference on the same day by Dr. Umphrey Lee, Chairman of the latter named Committee. The General Conference also instructed the Standing Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy to report to the Conference on this matter at the morning session of April 27.

The Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions has given long and detailed consideration to the question in hand in an effort to adjust the elements involved to the best interests of the entire Church.

The Standing Committee requested Dr. Umphrey Lee to attend its meeting and explain the reasons which led his Committee to reach the conclusions set forth in its report. Questions and discussions consumed the entire afternoon session, and the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy recommends that said report of the Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions be considered by the General Conference in form and substance as presented, and that this Resolution be and is the report of the Standing Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy on the matter pending.

REPORT NO. 2. VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD
Calendar No. 19. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 324.
M, 104; P, 53; F, 52; N, 1

Your Committee recommends concurrence in Memorial No. 13 to amend Chapter IX, Section 3, ¶ 576 of the 1939 Discipline.

After "It shall be organized with a Chairman" add, "a Vice-Chairman" so that the sentence would read:

It shall be organized with a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 3. STEWARDS

Calendar No. 20. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 325.

M, 104; P, 53; F, 53; N, 1

Your Committee recommends concurrence in Memorial No. 34 to change ¶ 581, of the 1939 *Discipline*, which now reads:

Each charge shall be entitled to not less than two nor more than thirty-five stewards; provided that in churches of more than five hundred members one steward shall be elected for each additional thirty members.

To read:

Each charge shall be entitled to not less than two nor more than thirty-five stewards; provided that in churches of more than five hundred members one steward MAY be elected for each additional thirty members.

REPORT NO. 4. STEWARDS

Calendar No. 21. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 325.

M, 104; P, 56; F, 53; A, 1; N, 2

Your Committee recommends concurrence in Memorial No. 307 to amend ¶ 581, of the 1939 *Methodist Discipline*, which now reads:

¶ 581. Each charge shall be entitled to not less than two nor more than thirty-five stewards; provided, that in churches of more than five hundred members one steward shall be elected for each additional thirty members.

To read:

¶ 581. Each Church in a charge shall be entitled to not less than two nor more than thirty-five stewards; provided, that in churches of more than five hundred members one steward may be elected for each additional thirty members.

REPORT NO. 5. OFFICIAL BOARD COMMITTEES

Calendar No. 72. Non-Concurrence.

M, 104; P, 60; F, 57; A, 2; N, 1

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence in Memorial No. 313.

REPORT NO. 6. BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES, CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP, CHARGE LAY LEADERS, LAY MEMBERS OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM "LAYMEN," ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND INCORPORATION OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES *Calendar No. 151. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 382.*

M, 104; P, 89; F, 89

Your Committee reports that it has received twenty-six (26) Memorials on the subject amending the Constitution of the Board of Lay Activities. These Memorials are:

Nos. 19, 245 to 265, inclusive, 329, 330, 331, and 447, from the Southwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; South Georgia Conference Board of Lay Activities; South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities; Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities; Louisville Conference Board of Lay Activities; Central Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Kentucky Conference Board of Lay Activities; Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities; Louisville Conference Board of Lay Activities; Memphis Conference Board of Lay Activities; Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities; Missouri Conference Board of Lay Activities; New Mexico Conference Board of Lay Activities; North Arkansas Conference Board of Lay Activities; North Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities; North Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Northwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Oklahoma Conference Board of Lay Activities; St. Louis Conference Board of Lay Activities; Southwest Missouri Conference Board of Lay Activities; Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Upper South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities; Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities; Western North Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities; Western Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities.

The Committee has also received twelve (12) Memorials on the subject of Christian Stewardship. These Memorials are:

Nos. 236-243, inclusive, 332, 333, 438, from the South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities; Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities; Louisiana Conference Board of Lay Activities; South Georgia Conference Board of Lay Activities; Northwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; North Arkansas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities; Memphis Conference Board of Lay Activities; Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities; Central Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities; Joint Committee on Co-operation for Lay Activities.

The following additional Memorials were received:

No. 36 from the Rock River Conference; No. 12 from the Rock River Conference, and No. 466 from D. F. Armistead and others, relating to Charge Lay Leaders; No. 14 from the Rock River Conference, relating to the organization of lay members of an Annual Conference; No. 27 from the Rock River Conference, relating to the election of the Executive Secretary; No. 315 from the Colorado Conference; No. 346 from Central New York, relating to a clarification

of the term "laymen"; No. 352 from the Pasadena District Organization, relating to "Methodist Men"; No. 734 from G. L. Morelock and others on incorporation of the General Board; No. 607 from the Philadelphia Annual Conference concerning continuation of Conference Laymen's Associations; No. 341 from the Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities in regard to Conference Lay Leaders.

After careful and prolonged consideration of the Memorials listed above your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy recommends the following:

(1) That ¶ 1211 be amended by substituting for the term "laymen" in Line 2, the term "lay members," and by substituting the term "them" for the term "laymen" in Line 3, so that the Paragraph shall read:

¶ 1211. The purpose of the Board of Lay Activities shall be to deepen the spiritual life of the lay members of the Church and to secure among them an increasing loyalty and interest with the ultimate end in view of an active working force in each local church.

(2) That ¶ 1212 be amended as follows:

In line 4 strike out "elected by" and insert "distributed too"; in Line 6 put a colon after "membership" and add "elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on Lay Activities"; in Line 8 after "Jurisdiction" place a semicolon and add "provided further that retirement from the office of Conference Lay Leader shall automatically vacate membership on the General Board"; by the addition of a final sentence "The Board shall be duly incorporated." The amended Paragraph will then read:

¶ 1212. The General Board of Lay Activities shall be composed of six effective Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six effective Ministers, one from each Jurisdiction; and twenty-four lay members, distributed to the several Jurisdictions on the basis of church membership; elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on nomination of the Committee on Lay Activities of the Jurisdictional Conference, provided that these lay members shall be selected from the Conference Lay Leaders of the several Annual Conferences in the Jurisdiction; provided further that retirement from the office of Conference Lay Leader shall automatically vacate membership on the General Board. The headquarters of the General Board shall be fixed by the General Conference. The Board shall be duly incorporated.

(3) That ¶ 1213 be amended by the insertion in Line 12 of the word "lay" between the words "Conference" and "organizations" so that the clause shall read: "and District and Conference lay organizations to make more effective the entire program of Lay Activities."

(4) That following ¶ 1213 a new Paragraph to be known as ¶ 1213A be inserted to read as follows:

¶ 1213A. The Board shall give special consideration to the Men's Work Program and Brotherhood Movement formerly developed throughout the Church, to correlate it with the entire program of Lay Activities and make it more effective.

(5) That ¶ 1214 be amended by striking out the words "General Conference" in Line 1 and insert the words "General Board of Lay Activities" so that the amended Paragraph shall read:

"The General Board of Lay Activities shall elect an Executive Secretary" and so forth.

(6) That in place of ¶ 1225 which reads as follows:

"The Conference Lay Leader shall be elected annually by the Lay

Members of the Annual Conference. Nominations shall be made from the Conference Board of Lay Activities and other nominations may be made from the floor," the following be substituted:

¶ 1225. The Conference Lay Leader shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, which nomination shall be by ballot. The Conference Lay Leader shall be a member of the District Conference in the District in which he resides, and he shall be seated in the Annual Conference, if he is not already a member of the same, but without the right to vote.

(7) That ¶ 1230 be amended by striking out all that is included after the word "Superintendent" in Line 4 and inserting the following: "provided that where the Annual Conference shall order, the District and the Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 1230. The District and the Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the District Conference on nomination of a Committee named by the District Superintendent, *provided* that where the Annual Conference shall order, the District and the Associate District Lay Leaders shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents and the Conference Lay Leader.

For the sake of conformity we recommend that ¶ 543 be made to correspond to ¶ 1230, and ¶ 1232.

(8) That ¶ 1235 be amended by adding the words "provided that where the Board of Stewards is the Official Board (¶ 576; 2), the Chairman of the Board shall be the Charge Lay Leader," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 1235. The Charge Lay Leader shall be elected by the Official Board, provided that where the Board of Stewards is the Official Board (¶ 576; 2), the Chairman of the Board shall be the Charge Lay Leader.

(9) That a new Section be added to the portion of the *Discipline* which has to do with the Board of Lay Activities to be known as Section VII, and to be entitled "Christian Stewardship," the contents of which shall be as follows:

SECTION VII

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

¶ 1247. The Board of Lay Activities is charged with the cultivation and promotion of Christian Stewardship in The Methodist Church. It shall initiate plans, develop literature, and perfect organization to utilize effectively in the work of the Church and in the development of Christian character this vital doctrine of Christian faith and practice.

¶ 1248. The study, practice, and promotion of Christian Stewardship are essential to the highest individual holiness as well as the fullest realization of the Church's mission. The individual Christian must know, love, and live the truth himself before he can lead others into the experience of "stewards of the manifold grace of God."

¶ 1249. As a Church we recognize the following principles as central to Christianity and binding upon all Christians.

1. Stewardship grows out of our obligation to God as Creator, Owner, and Giver to all things material and spiritual, and is indispensable to a life of obedience, love, and gratitude.

2. The recognition of our responsibility to God as Stewards of

everything we are and have—life, time, talents, possessions, and spiritual resources—is fundamental to a wholesome Christian faith and experience.

3. Stewardship in its full New Testament meaning involves responsibility to man and provides the key for the solution of the social, racial, industrial, and economic problems of the modern world.

4. Sincere and honest acknowledgment of our Stewardship can be made only as we set aside for God's service such measure of time, possessions, and vital energies as a scripturally enlightened judgment demands.

5. Stewardship involves both the beneficent use of money and the spirit and method of its acquisition, investment and expenditure.

6. Stable provision can be made for the support of Kingdom enterprises only through the systematic, proportionate and adequate contributions of Christian peoples.

7. Promotion should be relative to personal income and in harmony with the Scriptures. The dedication of the tenth of income offers a basic principle of beneficence supported by centuries of religious custom and joyful experience.

8. Stewardship instruction should be given both in the home and in the Church. It is of primary importance in building the right type of Christian character. That the acceptance of Stewardship may become universal, every Christian should be encouraged to unite in such stewardship movement as his Communion provides.

REPORT NO. 7. TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INC.

Calendar No. 152. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 383.

M, 104; P, 78; F, 78

Your Committee has carefully considered the report of the Trustees of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., with accompanying documents referred to it on April 27, 1940, and finds that by reason of the consummation of the Plan of Union of the three Uniting Methodist Churches, that the General Conference of The Methodist Church is the legal successor of all the rights and obligations vested in and assumed by the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its session held in the city of Birmingham, Alabama, in the month of May, 1938.

One of the rights vested in the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was to approve or reject Trustees appointed to fill vacancies, occurring in said Board of Trustees between the sessions of said General Conference, and this duty now devolves upon the General Conference of The Methodist Church. The Trustees report that two vacancies were created in the Board (one by resignation and the other by death) since the last session of the General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in the year 1938, and that these remaining vacancies were filled by the members of the Board of Trustees, by the election of Dr. Guy E. Snively of New

York City to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. B. Ivey, and, by the election of Judge Benjamin H. Littleton of Washington, D. C., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. B. Stackhouse, and they ask that these elections to the said Board of Trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., to fill said vacancies be approved.

Your Committee recommends that such approval be granted and that the election of Dr. Guy S. Snavelly and Judge Benjamin H. Littleton to fill said respective vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., be approved.

REPORT NO. 8. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Calendar No. 153. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 383.

M, 104; P, 85; F, 79; A, 2; N, 6

In response to Memorial No. 600, referring to Page 24 of the Episcopal Address, your Committee recommends for adoption the following resolution:

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, the United Stewardship Council has called upon the Protestant Churches of North America to enlist in a program of co-operation to bring a mighty impact of Stewardship education and influence upon their members during 1940 and 1941, designating this period as Stewardship Year; and

WHEREAS, the Council has suggested the following as the objectives of the movement: (1) "To secure clear thinking, speaking, study, and meditation on the principles of Christian Stewardship"; (2) "To acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ"; (3) "To make the practice of Christian Stewardship effective in the lives of individual Christians; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Bishops has brought this matter to our attention in their address to the General Conference in the following statement: "We urge upon our people the support of the Stewardship Movement to which the Council of Bishops has voted its hearty approval. One of the reasons most often brought forward for the union of the three branches of Methodism has been economy in saving money, by the reduction of charges in overhead activities. It would not have been quite a worthy motive to merge three Churches merely that we might spend less money on religious effort, but a motive of highest worth if by the saving we were to have more means for the extension of Christian effort. The Stewardship Movement, while recognizing the value of giving as a means of grace to the believer, is aiming frankly at getting more money that more people may have a chance at the means of grace, and that the means of grace may take on new effectiveness. Hence the emphasis on making giving continuous, systematic, intelligent, consecrated. The necessity of a fixed proportion of income for a benevolent giving has been a commonplace among the religiously-minded from the days of ancient Israel, but this involves also the right placing of the duty of giving in our scale of duties: the ranking of the benevolent expenditures as among the necessities, as inescapable as household expenses, rather than among the luxuries"; and

WHEREAS, this Movement has been endorsed by such agencies of The Methodist Church as the General Board of Lay Activities, the Methodist Section of the recent United Stewardship Conference, the Secretarial Council, the Adult Division of the Methodist Council on Religious Education and other agencies and organizations of the Church; and

WHEREAS, the Methodist Advance has given great emphasis to Christian Stewardship as a fundamental basis for continuous, progressive, and permanent growth and achievements of the Church; and WHEREAS, the total program of the Church in its ministry to humanity under the leadership of Christ who Himself was the Perfect Steward, waits upon the practice of Christian Stewardship by the members of the Church;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this General Conference of The Methodist Church approve the movement and call upon every Conference Unit and Board and Agency of the Church in their respective spheres of influence, and every leader of the Church in his field of responsibility, to give effective co-operation to the Movement for the achievement of the "Objectives" herein set forth;

2. That the General Conference express its gratitude to the Bishops for their approval of the Movement and request them to give leadership to it in their respective Areas;

3. That we suggest the following areas and agencies for emphasis in the Movement: Jurisdictional, Annual, District, and Quarterly Conference sessions; Summer Assemblies, Pastors' Schools, Standard Training Schools and Classes, Theological Schools, Christian Culture Institutes, Missionary Institutes, Laymen's Institutes, Laymen's Leagues, Stewards' Leagues, Brotherhoods, Men's Clubs, Laymen's Group Meetings, Lay Programs in the Local Church, the Annual Meeting of the Local Church, Organized Classes of the Church School, the use of pageants, the distribution of pamphlet and leaflet literature, articles in the Church Press and effective preaching on Stewardship from every pulpit of the entire Church.

4. That we call upon all our people to be much in prayer that God will bless the Church in this effort and that from it will come a new spirit of devotion, consecration, sacrifice and a new spiritual power that will make Methodism a mighty force for redemption, righteousness, and social justice to God's people everywhere.

REPORT No. 9. AMEND ¶ 781 OF THE 1939 DISCIPLINE BY ADDING THE WORD "BISHOP"

Calendar No. 154. Non-Concurrence.

M, 104; P, 88; F, 25; A, 61; N, 2

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

REPORT No. 10. CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Calendar No. 155. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 383.

M, 104; P, 92; F, 81; A, 9, N, 2

Having considered Memorials Nos. 35, 515, 611, and 765, pertaining to the classification of Members of The Methodist Church, your Committee recommends that in the Church Membership Section of the 1939 *Discipline* wherever the

word "resident" appears the word "active" be substituted so that ¶¶ 136, 145, 147, and 155 will read:

¶ 136. A permanent record of membership shall be kept, both active and non-resident, including all changes of relation in the same. Each entry shall bear its proper date, and the Pastor shall report all such changes in membership at the next Quarterly Conference.

¶ 145. All members living in the community and those living elsewhere who continue to manifest interest in the Church from which they have moved, either by visitation, correspondence, or contributions, shall be reported as Active Members of that Church.

¶ 147. The Active and Non-resident Members shall be counted in making the Annual Conference reports of total membership, but they shall be reported in separate columns, and only the number of Active Members shall be considered in making the apportionments.

¶ 155. A person who has been a Non-resident Member for three consecutive years, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and by vote of the Quarterly Conference shall no longer be counted in the statistical returns, and there shall be written after his name, "Removed without Certificate." But no name shall be so designated until the Pastor and the Membership Committee shall have made faithful effort to find and relate said member to a Church in the community where he resides. Such member, upon application to the Pastor, may be restored to Active Membership.

REPORT No. 11. REVISION OF ¶¶ 811 TO 862

Calendar No. 205. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 435.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 65; A, 2; N, 1

Your Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy having reviewed a number of Memorials, especially Nos. 244 and 534, in regard to the clarification, re-arrangement, and revision of ¶¶ 811 to 862 of the *Discipline* of 1939 recommend the following:

A. RE-ARRANGEMENT

1. Chapters II, III, and IV of Part VI shall become one Chapter, Chapter II of Part VI, entitled "Financial Plan."

2. ¶ 831 shall be transferred to become an introductory Paragraph to the whole Chapter and shall appear before present ¶ 811.

3. Present Chapter II shall become Section I with the title "Ministerial Support."

4. Present Chapter III shall become Section II with the title "Financial System in the Local Church."

5. Present Chapter IV, Section I, ¶¶ 832-842, shall become Section III, entitled "General Commission on World Service and Finance."

6. Present Chapter IV, Section II, ¶¶ 843-849, with the addition of ¶¶ 853, 854, 855 shall become Section IV, entitled "Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance." The Paragraphs of this Section shall then be arranged in the following order: 843, 847, 844, 845, 853, 846, 854, 855, 848, 849.

7. Section IV shall become Section V and shall be composed of the Paragraphs adopted to re-place present ¶ 856.

8. Section V shall become Section VI entitled "Cultivation and Collection" and shall be composed of the present ¶¶ 857, 858.

9. Section III shall be divided to form two Sections. The first of

these shall be Section VII, entitled "General Administration" and shall consist of the first five lines of ¶ 850.

The Second of these shall be Section VIII entitled "Episcopal Fund" and shall consist of the last ten lines of ¶ 850 and ¶¶ 851, and 852.

10. Section V shall become Section VIII entitled "Miscellaneous."

B. REVISIONS

1. ¶ 822, Item 3, shall be amended by deleting the words "Epworth League." The Paragraph as amended will read:

3. To proceed immediately by personal canvass of the entire membership of the Church, congregation, Church School, Young People's organization, and other supporters of the Church to secure pledges and to determine the probable income for the coming year.

2. Amend ¶ 846 by adding this sentence: "The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, the District Superintendent, or the District Stewards' Meeting, as the Annual Conference may order, shall apportion the same to the several Charges of each District upon the basis determined by the Annual Conference." The Paragraph as amended will read:

The Commission shall determine the amounts to be apportioned to each District of the Annual Conference for both General and Annual Conference budgets, when these have been determined as previously set forth, and shall report them to the Annual Conference for approval. The Annual Conference Commission of World Service and Finance, the District Superintendents, or District Stewards' Meetings, as the Annual Conference may order, shall apportion the same to the several Charges of each District upon the bases determined by the Annual Conference.

3. Amend ¶ 848 by adding in Line 2 the words "and apportion to the Districts or Charges" and to sentence 2, Line 7, the words "and the Annual Conference shall determine the bases upon which this amount shall be apportioned to the Districts or the Charges of the Conference" so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

It shall be the duty of the Commission, unless otherwise provided for, to estimate and apportion to the Districts or the Charges the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendent of each District in the Conference, including salary, suitable provision for rent, travel, and office expense. It shall report this estimate to the Annual Conference for approval, and the Annual Conference shall determine the basis upon which this amount shall be apportioned to the Districts or the Charges of the Conference.

4. Amend ¶ 853 by substituting the word "sums" for the word "sum" in the first sentence, Line 3, and by striking out the last two sentences which in substance have been already placed in ¶ 846. The Paragraph as amended shall read:

The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall apportion among the several Annual Conferences the sums required to be raised for all Connectional purposes.

5. Amend ¶ 854 by changing the last phrase to read: "Within forty days after the close of the session of the Annual Conference." The Paragraph as amended will read:

Each Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer at the first session of the Annual Conference after the adjournment of the General Conference on nominations of the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. He shall serve for a quadrennium or until his successor shall be elected and qualify. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall have full

authority and supervision over the Treasurer, and after consultation with the Bishop in charge, shall have power to remove him for cause and to fill vacancies ad interim. The Commission on World Service and Finance shall have the books of the Conference Treasurer audited within forty days after the close of the session of the Annual Conference.

6. Amend ¶855 by changing the second sentence to read: "Annual Conference Treasurers shall separate the amounts received for Annual Conference and General Conference Benevolence budgets in accordance with the proportion determined by the Annual Conference and shall make monthly remittances of the funds received to the Treasurers of the several Boards or institutions for Conference Work and to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance for General Conference Benevolences."

The Paragraph as amended shall read:

All amounts collected in the Local Churches on General and Conference Askings shall be sent monthly by the Local Church Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference. Annual Conference Treasurers shall separate the amounts received for Annual Conference and General Conference Benevolence budgets in accordance with the proportion determined by the Annual Conference and shall make monthly remittances of the funds received to the Treasurers of the several Boards or institutions for Conference Work and to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance for General Conference Benevolences. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall provide suitable bonds for the Annual Conference Treasurer and the Treasurers of the several Annual Conference Boards and causes and shall designate a depository or depositories for Annual Conference funds. It shall require the Treasurers of all Boards, societies, and institutions to be bonded in companies approved by the Annual Conference Committee on Audit.

REPORT NO. 12. WILLS AND LEGACIES

Calendar No. 215. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 435.

M, 104; P, 73; F, 70; A, 2; N, 1

Your Committee had before it Memorial 486 from the New York Conference, and reports the following action:

WHEREAS, Through the pressure of economic circumstances many persons who formerly contributed substantially to the work of the Church and its Benevolences are now unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, A new plan for the securing of legacies for the benefit of the local Churches and the General Benevolences and for bringing this matter to the attention of the members of the Church is now in successful operation in certain Churches of the New York Conference, and has now been approved by united action of the ministers and laymen of that Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That there be added to ¶ 565, a new section to be numbered 14, to read as follows:

Sec. 14: To appoint, if desired, in the Official Board or Quarterly Conference of each local Church a Special Committee on "Wills and Legacies" whose duty it shall be to present this matter in proper ways to the attention of their people.

REPORT NO. 13. ENABLING ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Calendar No. 216. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 452.

M, 104; P, 62; F. 62

Delete ¶¶ 1641 and 1656.

Pending the time when the Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church shall be organized and shall begin legally to function under the *Discipline* as prescribed by the General Conference of 1940, the Joint Committee on Co-operation for Lay Activities created by the Board of Lay Activities of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Commission on Men's Work of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, pursuant to authority given in ¶¶ 1641 and 1656 of the 1939 *Discipline*, is hereby empowered and instructed to correlate and carry on the work of the Board of Lay Activities, due regard being given to the administration of such funds as are specifically allocated to the two organizations.

The Joint Committee on Co-operation for Lay Activities may adopt a provisional budget to be operative from and after June 1, 1940, or until the same shall be amended by the General Board of Lay Activities, and may elect a Treasurer who shall receive and disburse the income of the Board in accordance with the provisional budget until the Board shall otherwise direct.

REPORT NO. 14. JOHN STREET METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES

Calendar No. 217. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 435.

M, 104; P, 104; F, 104

Your Committee had before it Memorial 525 from the Board of Trustees of John Street Methodist Church, New York City, requesting the General Conference take action to assure continuation of the plan providing for the election of Trustees of said Church. This memorial reported the action of the Board of Trustees of said Church relative to nominations for Trustees and requested continuation with The Methodist Church of "the same relation to John Street Methodist Church that has been maintained by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1868."

Your Committee concurred in the requests, and recommends they be adopted by the General Conference and also that the General Conference elect as Trustees of the John Street Methodist Church the following named persons:

Arlo A. Brown, Edward R. Carmen, Carl H. Fowler,

John C. Hegeman, James R. Joy, Willard L. Robinson, Clayton Snyder, Wilson P. Tanner, and Bishop Herbert Welch.

REPORT NO. 15. DUTIES OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Calendar No. 218. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 436.

M, 104; P, 98; F, 96; A, 2

Your Committee concurs in Memorial No. 309 from the Troy Annual Conference recommending an amendment to ¶ 855 of the 1939 *Discipline*, to read:

All amounts collected in the local Churches on General and Conference askings shall be sent monthly by the local Church Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference who shall give vouchers for such remittances. Annual Conference Treasurers shall make monthly distribution of the funds received to the Treasurer of the several Boards or institutions for Annual Conference work and to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance for Connectional work. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall provide suitable bonds for the Annual Conference Treasurer and the Treasurers of the several Annual Conference Boards and causes and shall designate a depository or depositories for Annual Conference funds. It shall require the Treasurers of all Boards, societies and institutions to be bonded in companies approved by the Annual Conference Committee on Audit.

REPORT NO. 16. BAPTIZED CHILDREN AND PREPARATORY MEMBERS

Calendar No. 219. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 436.

M, 104; P, 83; F, 83

Your Committee having considered Memorials Nos, 29 and 305, recommends the following substitutes for ¶¶ 140 and 141:

¶ 140. We regard all children who have been baptized as being in visible covenant relation to God and under the special care and supervision of the Church. When baptized children are organized into classes, as provided in ¶ 142, they shall be enrolled and reported as preparatory members.

¶ 141. The pastor shall keep and transmit to his successor an accurate register of the names of baptized children within his pastoral charge, giving the dates of their birth and baptism, the names of their parents, and the places of their residence. Should they remove, he shall issue to them certificates of registration.

REPORT NO. 17. DUTIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Calendar No. 220. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 436.

M, 104; P, 82; F, 78; N, 4

Your Committee concurs in Memorial No. 311 from the

Troy Annual Conference recommending an amendment to ¶ 848 of the 1939 *Discipline* to read:

It shall be the duty of the Commission, unless otherwise provided for, to estimate and apportion the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendent of each District in the Conference, including salary, suitable provision for rent, travel, and office expense. It shall report this estimate to the Annual Conference for approval. The Conference Treasurer, or District Treasurer elected by the Annual Conference, shall remit monthly to the several District Superintendents the amounts due them, and with the approval of the Annual Conference may borrow the funds necessary to make this possible. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance may designate that payments from local Church Treasurers to Conference Treasurers shall be made not later than fifteen days prior to the opening of the Conference. All subsequent payments shall be made with the report of the Pastors to the Treasurer at the Annual Conference.

REPORT NO. 18. TRUSTEES OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 221. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 436.

M, 104; P, 84; F, 78; A, 5; N, 1

Your Committee, having considered Memorial 565, recommends that ¶ 791 be amended by striking out after the word "persons" in the third Line the following: "Of the same qualifications as in this Chapter provided for Trustees of Charges," and substituting therefor the following: "who must be at least twenty-one years of age and shall be ministers in the effective relation in the Annual Conference or members in good standing of Churches within the bounds of the Annual Conference"; so that the Paragraph will read:

There shall be an incorporated Board of Trustees of each Annual Conference. This Board shall consist of nine persons who must be at least twenty-one years of age and shall be ministers in the effective relation in the Annual Conference or members in good standing of Churches within the bounds of the Annual Conference. They shall be elected by the Annual Conference for a term of three years, except as to the first Board, one-third of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years and until their successors shall have been elected; provided, however, that existing incorporated Trustees of any Annual Conference may continue unaffected by this section unless and until such charter is amended.

REPORT NO. 19. DISCONTINUED OR ABANDONED CHURCHES

Calendar No. 222. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 437.

M, 104; P, 94; F, 88; A, 6

Your Committee concurs in Memorial 452 from the Wyoming Annual Conference recommending an amendment to ¶ 782 of the 1939 *Discipline* to read as follows:

With the consent of the presiding Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents and the District Board of Church Location and Building within whose jurisdiction the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any Charge or Church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a Charge or Church being thus discontinued or abandoned it shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference.

The legislation of this whole Section shall not apply in the territory of Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences.

REPORT NO. 20. BISHOP'S RESIDENCE

Calendar No. 223. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 437.

M, 104; P, 99; F, 99

Your Committee, having had under consideration Memorial II relative to ¶ 792, recommends the following amendment:

After the period in the ninth line, insert the following: "Any such property so acquired and held shall not be sold or disposed of except on the consent of the majority of the Conferences that participate in the ownership," so that the entire paragraph will read:

SECTION VII. BISHOP'S RESIDENCE

¶ 792. When authorized by two-thirds of the Annual Conference comprising an Episcopal Area a residence for the Resident Bishop may be acquired which shall be under the management and control of and the title to which shall be held in trust by the Trustees of the Annual Conference within which the residence is located, and the purchase price and maintenance cost thereof shall be equitably distributed by the Trustees in the several Conferences in the area. Any such property so acquired and held shall not be sold or disposed of except upon the consent of the Conferences that participate in the ownership. Should an Annual Conference contribute to the purchase of an Episcopal residence and later be transferred to an Area not owning one, if it shall ask payment for its equity, such claim shall not be denied.

Report No. 21, Calendar No. 224 (DCA-398) Title: "Membership Manuals," was referred to the Board of Publication and the Board of Education, for favorable consideration, Monday, May 6, 1940. Editor. See page 437.

Report No 22, Calendar No. 225 (DCA-398) Title: "Fixed Date for Easter," was referred to the Commission on Interdenominational Relations, on Monday, May 6, 1940, for consideration and report to the 1944 General Conference. Editor. See page 437.

REPORT NO. 23. CO-OPERATING COMMITTEES

Calendar No. 226. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 438.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 68

Your Committee, having under consideration Memorial 580, recommends, insertion of the following:

CHAPTER III

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECTION VII. CO-OPERATING COMMITTEE

¶ ——. For the purpose of effective co-operation in matters of common interest between the Board of Education and the Board of Lay Activities there shall be an Inter-Board Committee composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities and three other members, one to be chosen by the Board of Education and two by the Board of Lay Activities. This Committee shall develop a unified program of education in Christian Stewardship and other matters of common interest committed to it.

REPORT NO. 24. BOARD OF TEMPERANCE SHARING IN
GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Calendar No. 227. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 438.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 62; N, 6

Your Committee, having under consideration Memorial No. 795, recommends insertion of the following:

CHAPTER IV

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

SECTION I

¶ 1197

The Board shall be authorized to solicit and create special funds; to receive gifts and bequests; to hold properties and securities in trust; and to administer all these financial affairs in accordance with its own rules and the provisions of the *Discipline*.

The Board shall present quadrennially to the General Commission on World Service and Finance a statement of the amount required for its general expense and for the support of each Department of its work. An apportionment to meet the approved needs shall be transmitted to the Church by the Commission.

REPORT NO. 25. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Calendar No. 228. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 438.

M, 104; P, 55; F, 49; A, 4; N, 2

Your Committee, having under consideration Memorial 481, recommends the following amendment to ¶ 137:

After the word "related" in line three, strike out all the remainder

of the Paragraph and insert: "In any manner to his particular Church or Church School, but not members of either," so that the Paragraph will read:

¶ 137. Each pastor shall also keep and transmit to his successor a Constituency Roll, containing the names and addresses of all persons related in any manner to his particular Church or Church School, but not members of either.

REPORT NO. 26. TRUSTEES OF CHARGES

Calendar No. 229. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 438.

M, 104; P, 55; F, 49; A, 4; N, 2

Your Committee, having under consideration Memorial 481, recommends that the first two sentences in ¶ 777, which read as follows:

If and when incorporated, all real estate owned or thereafter acquired by the Charge shall be deeded directly to it in its corporate name. If not incorporated, all real estate owned or acquired by the Charge shall be deeded to the Trustees of the Charge, their successors and assigns in trust for the use and benefit of the Charge and of The Methodist Church—shall be amended so as to read as follows:

¶ 777. If and when the Charge is incorporated, all real estate owned or thereafter acquired by the Charge shall be deeded directly to it in its corporate name. If the Charge is not incorporated, all real estate owned or acquired by the Charge shall be deeded to the Trustees of the Charge, their successors and assigns in trust for the use and benefit of the Charge and of The Methodist Church.

The remainder of the Paragraph shall remain as now in the *Discipline*.

REPORT NO. 27. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Calendar No. 230. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 438.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 67; N, 1

Your Committee, having under consideration a resolution referred by the General Conference, recommends that ¶ 1196 shall be stricken out and a new ¶ 1196 inserted to read as follows:

¶ 1196. The Executive Secretary shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Temperance, and shall be ex-officio a member of the Board and its executive officer. In the event of his death or resignation, the Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy.

REPORT NO. 28. HANDBOOK, PAGES 458 TO 473

Calendar No. 231. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 439.

M, 104; P, 78; F, 78

Your Committee, having under consideration Memorial

817, has reviewed Pages 458 to 473, inclusive, of the 1940 *Handbook*, reports as follows:

We approve and commend the material found therein and the manner in which it is arranged. We suggest that the Financial Plan, including the graph, as found on Page 472, be emphasized to the membership of the Church.

REPORT NO. 29. REPORTS IN THE HANDBOOK

Calendar No. 232. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 439.

M, 104; P, 79; F, 79

Your Committee had before it Memorial 810 relative to Pages 79 to 107 of the *Handbook*, and makes the following report:

Careful consideration has been given to the report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the various Treasurers and expense funds contained in these pages, together with the accompanying auditor's report. These reports have been examined as far as the Committee was able in the time at its disposal. We find the reports to be in order and we recommend them to the Church membership for reading and study.

REPORT NO. 30. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, AS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE HANDBOOK, PAGES 416-435

Calendar No. 245. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 90; F, 90

We recommend that the receipt of Memorial No. 815 concerning the report of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, contained in the General Conference *Handbook*, Pages 416-435, be hereby acknowledged, that we express our sincere approval of the Report referred to, and make the same a part of the minutes of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

REPORT NO. 31. PROMOTION OF WORLD SERVICE IN LOCAL CHURCH

Calendar No. 246. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 72; F, 70; A, 2

Your Committee having under consideration Memorial No. 832 recommends that the following be substituted for all that is now contained in ¶ 823 of the 1939 *Discipline*:

It shall be the responsibility of the Official Board of each local Church to lay upon the mind and heart of the Church the privilege

and duty of benevolent giving and Christian Stewardship and to promote a Church-wide interest in all the benevolent causes authorized by the General and Annual Conferences and to see that each fourth Sunday is observed as World-Service Sunday.

REPORT NO. 32. EARLY METHODIST SHRINES

Calendar No. 247. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 69; F, 67; A, 2

Your Committee having under consideration Memorial 675 recommends concurrence in the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The beginnings of Methodism in America center around four historic sites, viz.: The Log Dwelling of Robert Strawbridge near New Windsor, Maryland; Barratt's Chapel, near Frederica, Delaware; St. George's Church, Philadelphia; and John Street Church, New York City. And,

WHEREAS, These four shrines, constantly visited by Methodists from every part of our land, have come to be regarded with veneration because of their close association with the "Founding Fathers" of our Church; and

WHEREAS, Because of their remoteness from residential districts and constantly dwindling membership they can no longer be adequately maintained by their local constituency, therefore, be it

Resolved, That these historic places be now recognized as in a special sense denominational monuments and that these ancient buildings be declared worthy subjects for the care of the general Church so that they may be preserved and perpetuated as substantial memorials to future generations of Methodists.

REPORT NO. 33. USE OF WORD "METHODIST"

Calendar No. 248. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 65; F, 65

Your Committee, having had under consideration Memorial 461, at the request of the author; recommends that this memorial be referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance with instructions to make a careful study of the whole subject of the use of the word "Methodist" and submit a report thereon, with recommendations, to the General Conference of 1944.

REPORT NO. 34. OLD AGE SECURITY FOR LAY WORKERS

Calendar No. 249. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 68

Your Committee having had under consideration Memorials 532 and 839 recommends that these Memorials be referred to the Commission on Pension Legislation (authorized in Report No. 6 of the Committee on Conference Claimants), for study and report to the General Conference of 1944.

REPORT No. 35. CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Calendar No. 250. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 453.

M, 104; P, 89; F, 87; A, 2

In the consideration of Memorials 500 and 527 we recommend the following be inserted at the close of ¶ 149, Section V.

In the transfer of membership the following form shall be used:

This is to certify that A. B. — who holds a notice of this letter, is an acceptable member of the — Methodist Church in —. Having requested that his (her) membership be transferred to the — Methodist Church in — is affectionately commended to the fellowship of said Church. When the Church to which this Certificate of Transfer is issued acknowledges the receipt of the same and his (her) enrollment, his (her) membership in this Church shall cease."

Date —. —, Pastor.

Notice of this transfer shall be given to the member in accordance with the following form:

At your request I this day have sent a Certificate of Transfer of your membership to the — Methodist Church in —. When said Certificate is acknowledged and your name is recorded in the records of said Church, your membership in this Church shall cease.

Date —. —, Pastor.

The original certificate shall be accompanied by a blank for the acknowledgment of the same, in accordance with the following form.

The Certificate of Transfer of the membership of A. B. — from the — Methodist Church in — to the Methodist Church in — is hereby acknowledged. — has been duly received as a Member of the Church which issued this Certificate.

Date —. —, Pastor.

Report No. 36, Calendar No. 251 (DCA-402), Title: "Preparatory Membership Manuals," was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, Monday, May 6, 1940, as the matter had been covered by another Report. Editor. See page 453.

REPORT No. 37. NON-CONCURRENCE MEMORIALS

Calendar No. 253. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 68

Your Standing Committee on Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy had referred to it for consideration 219 memorials or one-fourth of the total number filed with the General Conference Secretary.

Your Committee reports non-concurrence on the following numbered Memorials:

Nos. 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 30, 33, 108, 234, 235, 304, 310, 314, 316, 371, 394, 396, 408, 428, 453, 454, 484, 488, 491, 495, 508, 531, 533, 535, 538, 556, 561, 563, 566, 574, 578, 585, 587, 593, 603, 604, 608, 657, 680, 681, 693, 709, 724, 766, 768, 770, 791, 800, 804, 836.

REPORT NO. 38. REPORT ON SIX MISCELLANEOUS MEMORIALS

Calendar No. 254. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 454.

M, 104; P, 68; F, 68

Your Standing Committee reports no action taken on Memorials Nos. 15, 26, 456, 573, 684, 708 and 716 because they refer to matters previously cared for and already brought to the attention of the General Conference.

II. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Chairman, Orien W. Fifer (Indiana).

Vice-Chairman, W. F. Bryan (Texas).

Secretary, Frank L. Shaffer (West Virginia).

REPORT NO. 1. CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS—A MEMORIAL REQUIRING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Calendar No. 4. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 299.

M, 95; P, 82; F, 82

The Committee recommends that the following be submitted as a Constitutional Amendment according to procedure stipulated by ¶ 10, Section 2, *Discipline* of 1939:

Amend ¶ 35, Article 2 of the 1939 *Discipline* by striking out the words "Ordained or" so that the new Paragraph will read:

"The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference."

REPORT NO. 2. HARMONIZING THE DISCIPLINE IN THE USE OF THE WORDS "ORDAINED OR CONSECRATED"

Calendar No. 5. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 299.

M, 95; P, 79; F, 79

Amend ¶ 392, Article 2, of the 1939 *Discipline* by striking out the words "Ordained or" so that the new Paragraph will read:

The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference."

REPORT NO. 3. ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Calendar No. 11. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 306.

M, 90; P, 83; F, 78; A, 5

Amend ¶ 400 of the 1939 *Discipline* by adding to Article 1 the following: "and provided, further, that before the final announcement of appointments is made the District Superintendent shall consult with the Pastors when such consultation is possible."

The Paragraph as amended will read:

He shall appoint Preachers to Pastoral charges annually after consultation with the District Superintendent; provided that before

the official declaration of the assignments of the Preachers he shall announce openly to the Cabinet his appointments; and provided further that before the final announcement of appointments is made the District Superintendents shall consult with the Pastors when such consultation is possible.

REPORT NO. 4. CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS-ELECT

Calendar No. 12. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 306.

M, 90; P, 80; F, 80

Under authority granted in ¶ 392, Article 2, of the *Discipline* of 1939 we recommend that the following be inserted as ¶ 393:

The Bishop or Bishops elected at a Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be consecrated at the session of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference at which the election or elections take place. At the consecration service the other Jurisdictions or Central Conferences and the Church at large may be represented by one of the Bishops appointed by the President of the Council of Bishops.

REPORT NO. 5. COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

Calendar No. 16. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 307.

M, 90; P, 83; F, 83

Amend ¶ 435, *Discipline* of 1939, by inserting in Line 4, after the word "conference," the words "on nomination of the Annual Conference delegation" so that the Paragraph will read:

¶ 435. The Jurisdictional Conference shall elect a Standing Committee on Episcopacy, to consist of one ministerial and one lay delegate from each Annual Conference, on nomination of the Annual Conference delegation. The said Committee shall review the work of the Bishops, pass on their character and official administration, and report to the Jurisdictional Conference its findings for such action as the Conference may deem appropriate within its warrant of power. The said Committee shall recommend to the Jurisdictional Conference the assignments of the said Bishops to their respective residences, and may make recommendations to the Bishops of its Jurisdiction concerning the formation of the Episcopal areas within its Jurisdiction. The Committee shall report their recommendations to the Jurisdictional Conference for final action.

REPORT NO. 6. FULL CLERICAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Calendar No. 29. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 331.

M, 90; P, 89; F, 63; A, 26

The Committee has had before it twenty-three memorials relative to granting full clerical rights to women and recommend non-concurrence; affirmative 63, negative 26, which would make no change in ¶ 292 of the *Discipline* of 1939.

MINORITY REPORT

Amend ¶ 292 of the *Discipline* of 1939 by striking out the words "excepting so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry."

So that the Paragraph as amended will read: "Women are included in the foregoing provisions."

Signed: Charles H. Thrall, John J. Bunting, Alfred P. Coman, Robert B. Stansell, Burton L. Jennings, R. T. Blackburn, A. W. Martin, John C. Boothman, H. T. Freeman, C. B. Rape, Frederick Bankhardt, Homer R. Gettle, Alfred C. Crawford, E. Pearce Hayes, Willsie Martin, Cornelio D. Julian, W. P. King, Doane F. Kiechel, Clifton A. Crook, Thomas McM. Grant, L. H. Kaub, A. Wesley Pugh.

The Minority Report was not adopted. Editor.

REPORT NO. 7. ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS

Calendar No. 52. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 346.

M, 90; P, 59; F, 58; A, 1

Amend ¶ 531, Article 12, Section 2, of the 1939 *Discipline* by striking out the words "Accepted Supply Pastors" so that the amended article will read as follows:

The Conference Relations Committee shall give consideration to matters pertaining to the relations of ministers of the Annual Conference belonging to the following: Superannuates, or Retired Ministers, Supernumeraries, Ministers asking Sabbatical Leave, students appointed to attend schools, Local Deacons and Elders.

Amend ¶ 534, Article 2 of the 1939 *Discipline* by striking out "(e) all Accepted Supplies;" so that the amended Article will read as follows:

¶ 534, Article 2. The Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications shall be prepared to report at the call of the Bishop the questions regarding the standing of all Ministers in the Conference: (a) All Members of the Annual Conference, whether Effective, Supernumerary, Superannuated, on Sabbatical Leave, or Students; (b) on Trial and pursuing Courses of Study, and whether for Admission into Full Connection or for Orders; (c) those to be Admitted on Trial or into Full Connection; (d) those to be elected to Orders; (e) those to be received from other Churches; (f) those transferred to other Conferences during the year; (g) those transferred into the Conference during the year.

REPORT NO. 8. TERMS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Calendar No. 53. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.

M, 90; P, 79; F, 79

Inasmuch as there seems to be a discrepancy between Section 3 and ¶ 204, Report No. 7 of the Committee on Min-

istry and Judicial Administration, Page 256, Column 2 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of the Uniting Conference, and the Paragraph dealing with the selection and appointment of District Superintendents by the Bishops as it appears in the *Discipline* of 1939, Page 118, ¶ 400. And since the Committee has had before it certain memorials relative to this change as well as a memorial concerning the term of District Superintendents in foreign language Conferences within the United States; we recommend that Section 3 of ¶ 400 of the *Discipline* of 1939, be stricken out and the following substituted:

He shall choose and appoint the District Superintendents annually, but he shall not appoint any minister a District Superintendent for more than six consecutive years, nor for more than six years in any consecutive nine years except in Annual Conferences, Missions and Mission Conferences outside the United States and its possessions, *not included in Central Conference*; provided, that during this quadrennium this rule shall not apply to appointments of a District Superintendent in the Finland, the Finland-Swedish, or the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conferences. Provided further, that the years of service in such relationship in one of the uniting Churches shall be counted.

REPORT NO. 9. LICENSE TO PREACH

Calendar No. 67. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 355.

M, 90; P, 80; F, 50; A, 25; N, 5

Amend ¶ 282, Art. 2, of the *Discipline* of 1939 by striking out the words, "without the previous recommendation of the Quarterly Conference," and adding the words, "or renew the license of any persons to preach, except upon the annual recommendation of the Quarterly Conference in which he or she holds membership."

The Paragraph to read as amended:

Wherever a District Conference exists, the powers hereinafter conferred on Quarterly Conferences in relation to Local Preachers shall be exercised only by the District Conference; but it shall not license any person to preach, or renew the license of any person to preach, except upon the annual recommendation of the Quarterly Conference in which he or she holds membership.

REPORT NO. 10. QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO ADMISSION INTO AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 68. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 356.

M, 90; P, 80; F, 71; A, 8; N, 1

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939 by striking out the entire Paragraph numbered 219.

REPORT NO. 11. RETIREMENT AGE FOR MINISTERS

Calendar No. 69. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 358.

M, 90; P, 84; F, 69; A, 14; N, 1

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939 by adding another Article to be known as Article 2, to ¶ 230 at the close of Article 1 to read as follows:

Every clerical member of an Annual Conference whose 72nd birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of his Annual Conference shall automatically be retired from the active ministry at said Conference session.

This action is to become effective with the Annual Conferences of 1942.

REPORT NO. 12. COURSES OF STUDY FOR SUPPLY PASTORS

Calendar No. 70. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 360.

M, 90; P, 65; F, 64; N, 1

Amend ¶ 364, Art. 7, of the *Discipline* of 1939 by adding the words "provided, however, that the Annual Conference shall be at liberty to suspend this rule in the case of all Supply Pastors who on June 1, 1940, are sixty years of age or over, or who have already given twenty-five or more years of full-time service as Supply Pastors and who, in the judgment of a majority of the District Superintendents, are still capable of rendering acceptable service as Supply Pastors."

So that the new Paragraph will read:

Accepted Supply Pastors (see ¶¶ 481, 482) who are giving their full time to pastoral work under the District Superintendents shall be required to take the Conference Course of Study year by year until the course is completed, under the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training, and while pursuing their studies shall attend the sessions of the Summer Schools for Ministerial Training where such Schools are provided. Any Accepted Supply Pastor who fails to observe the requirements of this section, or who shall fail to complete two years of the Course of Study within four years and the entire Course within eight years, shall not be employed by a District Superintendent; provided, however, that the Annual Conference shall be at liberty to suspend this rule in the case of all Supply Pastors who on June 1, 1940, are sixty years of age or over, or who have already given twenty-five or more years of full-time service as Supply Pastors and who, in the judgment of a majority of the District Superintendents, are still capable of rendering acceptable service as Supply Pastors.

REPORT NO. 13. SUPERVISION OF CHAPLAINS

Calendar No. 71. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 361.

M, 90; P, 85; F, 67; A, 18

The Committee has had before it a number of Memorials relative to the supervision of Chaplains and after considera-

tion has voted non-concurrence, which will leave the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 400, Sections 4 and 5 as they now stand.

MINORITY REPORT

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 400 by striking out in Section 4 the words "Chaplains in Army and Navy and to prisons, reformatories, hospitals, sanatoriums and charitable institutions; preachers for seamen."

Amend Section 5 so that the new Section will read as follows: "On the recommendation of the District Superintendent confirmed by two-third vote of the Annual Conference he may appoint:

1. Chaplains in the Army and Navy; to veterans' hospitals; and preachers for seamen—provided such appointees shall be under the exclusive supervision, jurisdiction, control, support, and authority of The Methodist Church.

2. Chaplains to prisons, reformatories, civilian hospitals, sanatoriums, and charitable institutions.

An Agent to travel throughout such Conference for the purpose of distributing tracts; an Agent or Agents to promote the cause of temperance; Instructors in institutions of learning not under our auspices; an Agent or Agents for the benefit of our institutions of learning; Superintendents, Secretaries, and Agents of hospitals and homes under our auspices; Agents for other benevolent institutions; Editors of unofficial papers or magazines published by the interests of The Methodist Church, provided that in no such case shall the Church incur any financial responsibility; one or more members of an Annual Conference to do evangelistic work in the Conference.

Donald Timerman, Wm. H. Stewart, R. E. Wicker, Joseph D. Piper, Clifton A. Crook, Alfred P. Coman, G. Ray Jordan, Harry W. Burgan, J. Ellis Williams, H. E. Stout.

The Minority Report was not adopted. Editor.

REPORT NO. 14. VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AGE FOR MINISTERS

Calendar No. 116. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 383.

M, 90; P, 64; F, 64

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939, ¶ 230, by adding as Article 3 the following:

At his own request, the Annual Conference may place any member thereof in the retired relation, with the privilege of making an annuity claim, if he has attained the age of sixty-five prior to the date of the opening session of the Annual Conference to which said request is presented.

REPORT NO. 15. DUTIES OF EXHORTERS

Calendar No. 117. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 383.

M, 90; P, 72; F, 72

Amend the *Discipline* of 1939 by adding to ¶ 565 at the close of Section 9 the following:

Exhorters shall be constituted by the recommendation of the Official Board of the Church of which they are members and licensed by the Quarterly Conference, the license to be signed by the President of the Quarterly Conference.

The duties of an "exhorter" are to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the pastor; to attend all the sessions of the District and Quarterly Conferences, and to present a written report to the latter. An exhorter shall be subject to an annual examination of character in the Quarterly Conference, and a renewal of license, to be signed by the President thereof.

Report No. 16, Calendar No. 118 (DCA-290), Title: "Assignment of Bishops," was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference, on Friday, May 3, 1940, for further consideration by the Committee. Editor. See page 363.

REPORT NO. 17. ORDINATION OF MINISTERS UNDER THE SEMINARY RULE

Calendar No. 177. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 384.

M, 90; P, 72; F, 72

Amend ¶ 257 of the *Discipline* of 1939 by placing a semicolon after the word "trial" in Line 6 and moving the phrase "or shall have been on trial for at least one year" to a position immediately following the last word of the present Paragraph, namely, "study" and substituting the words "University Senate" for the words "standardizing agencies" in Line 5, so that the Paragraph will read:

¶ 257. Those who have been local Preachers for two full years; and during the same time have been regular students in one of our Theological Seminaries or in other Theological Seminaries whose standing is approved by the University Senate; shall have been received on trial; and shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference course of study, or shall have been on trial at least one year."

REPORT NO. 18. BASIS OF EPISCOPAL ELECTION

Calendar No. 206. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 444.

M, 90; P, 72; F, 72

Under Sec. 1, ¶ 8, Art. 4, Item 10, the General Conference has authority to fix a uniform basis upon which the Bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences;

Therefore, your Committee recommends that:

Each Jurisdictional Conference having 500,000 Church members or less shall be entitled to four Bishops, and for each additional 500,000 Church members or two thirds thereof shall be entitled to one additional Bishop.

REPORT NO. 19. ASSIGNMENT OF RETIRED BISHOPS

Calendar No. 255. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 444.

M, 90; P, 53; F, 53

We recommend the assignment of retired Bishops as follows:

Bishop Ainsworth, Southeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Anderson, Northeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Boaz, South Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Candler, Southeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Cannon, Southeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Claire, Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Du Bose, Southeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Hay, South Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Keeney, Northeastern Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Leete, North Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Miller, Western Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Mitchell, Western Jurisdiction.
 Bishop John M. Moore, South Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Nicholson, North Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Robinson, North Central Jurisdiction.
 Bishop Welch, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

In the case of Bishop Robinson and Bishop Leete whom we have not been able to contact, we recommend that the Editors of the *Discipline* be given authority to communicate with them and change their assignment if the assignment in this report is not satisfactory to them. We recommend that Bishop Gowdy be attached to the Northeastern Jurisdiction. Bishops Nuelsen, Hughes, Meade and Blake, retiring this year, were assigned to Jurisdictions by the Uniting Conference.

REPORT NO. 20. ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS (TO FOLLOW

¶ 435, DISCIPLINE OF 1939)

Calendar No. 256. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 445.

M, 90; P, 39; F, 30; A, 8

Amend ¶ 407, of the *Discipline* of 1939, by striking out Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4 so that Article 5 will appear as Article 1. The new Paragraph to read as follows:

¶ 407. *Article 1.* Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal areas.

IV. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Chairman, Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona).
Vice-Chairman, Fred B. Newell (New York East).
Secretary, Marvin A. Franklin (North Alabama).

REPORT NO. 1. REFERENCE OF MEMORIAL NO. 458

Calendar No. 45. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 339.

M, 114; P, 80; F, 78; N, 2

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension recommends that Memorial number 458 be referred to the General Conference Commission on Central Conferences, if continued for the next quadrennium.

Memorial 458. "The Boston Methodist Preachers Meeting memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church to review and clarify the legislation of The Methodist Church with reference to the exercise of authority by the Board of Missions, and the Bishops resident on the Mission field in the matter of the recall of missionaries."

REPORT NO. 2. REFERENCE OF MEMORIAL NO. 459

Calendar No. 46. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 339.

M, 114; P, 80; F, 78; N, 2

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension recommends that Memorial number 459 be referred to the General Conference Commission on Central Conferences.

Memorial 459. The Boston Methodist Preachers Meeting memorializes the General Conference of The Methodist Church to review and clarify the policy of the Board of Missions as that policy bears upon the relation of Missionaries to governments of countries in which these missionaries are doing their work.

REPORT NO. 3. SCARRITT COLLEGE

Calendar No. 201. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 445.

M, 114; P, 78; F, 78

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension received the following report from its Sub-Committee on the Division of Education and Cultivation. The report was accepted and ordered printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Your Committee has had before it the report of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., and wishes to present the following report:

1. Scarritt College has heretofore been "owned and controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through its General Conference and such agencies as it may thereunto appoint." By the authority of said General Conference, the General Board of Missions of the former M. E. Church, South, has been representing the Conference in the confirmation or rejection of the Trustees of Scarritt College. As a Connectional Institution, Scarritt has participated in the General budget of the General Conference, and has made its reports quadrennially to the General Conference. In keeping with this custom of the past years, and in the light of the Declaration of Union (Art. V) adopted by the Uniting Conference, Scarritt has made its report to the first General Conference of The Methodist Church.

2. We recognize Scarritt College for Christian Workers as an important factor in the Church's program of missionary education. With its beautiful plant, its strong faculty, and its affiliation with other institutions of higher learning in Nashville, Scarritt College is in position to make a large contribution to the Church in training lay workers, men and women, for social-religious service at home and abroad. With a student body this year representing 31 states and 15 foreign lands, Scarritt's contribution is already being felt by our United Methodism.

3. We note the further fact that Scarritt College is now facing opportunities of enlarged service to the Church and so is in urgent need of increased financial resources. To meet this situation, the Trustees of the College have inaugurated a special two-year financial program leading up to the semi-centennial celebration which will be observed in June, 1942. Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, who has for some twenty years been a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South America, has been elected as a member of the Scarritt College faculty, and will direct this special effort. We commend this two-year program and bespeak for it the hearty co-operation of the friends of Missionary Training throughout the Church.

REPORT NO. 4. WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN
Calendar No. 174. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

M, 114; P, 83; F, 78; N, 5

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension recommends that this be made a separate Report and that it be approved and printed in the *Discipline*:

The World Federation of Methodist Women is recognized as an agency of the Church organized to unite National Units of Methodist Women in the purpose to know Christ and to assist in establishing His Kingdom among all peoples in all areas of life.

REPORT NO. 5. REFERENCE OF MEMORIALS 203 AND 721
Calendar No. 175. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

M, 114; P, 78; F, 78

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension recom-

mends that the following Memorial from the Korea Mission Council be referred to the General Conference Commission on Central and Autonomous Churches:

203. Whereas, the Korean Methodist Church is an autonomous Church having only fraternal relations with The Methodist Church, and

Whereas, there is vital need of maintaining sympathetic and understanding contact between these two Churches, and of interpreting to the Church in America the conditions, needs and opportunities as they exist on this field, and

Whereas, these purposes can be most effectively achieved by regular Episcopal visitation from the Home Church, and

Whereas, the *Discipline of The Methodist Church* (1939), ¶ 971, states that in mission fields where there are autonomous Churches, Mission Councils under constitutions approved by the Board of Missions and Church Extension may be organized; and the Constitution of the Korea Mission Council of The Methodist Church, Article III, Section 1, states that "The Bishop of The Methodist Church appointed to the field shall be the Presiding Officer of the Korea Mission Council and of the Executive Committee," and,

Whereas, the Mission Council will greatly benefit by the inspiration and supervision resulting from the presence of the Bishop.

Therefore, we, the members of the Korea Mission Council of The Methodist Church, assembled in the city of Seoul in Korea, on this the twentieth day of January, 1940, do most earnestly petition the General Conference of The Methodist Church that provision be made for regular annual visits to this field by one of the Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Adopted unanimously, January 21, 1940. Signed, Maud K. Hensen, Recording Secretary.

REPORT NO. 6. REFERENCE OF MEMORIAL 829

Calendar No. 176. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

M, 114; P, 78; F, 78

The Committee on Missions and Church Extension recommends that the following memorial be referred to the General Conference Commission on Central and Autonomous Churches.

829. The following is taken from the resolutions offered by J. W. Perry et al and is given to your Committee for its guidance.

That the recommendations on page 10 of the Prospectus be referred to the proper Committee with instructions to prepare legislation to make these recommendations effective in practice in the future work of the Church.

I. The General Conference is authorized to extend to the autonomous Methodist Churches outside the United States of America formerly connected with our bodies, an invitation to enter into conference with us with respect to such relationship with The Methodist Church as may seem mutually desirable.

II. The co-operative relationships which already exist between any of these three Methodist bodies and Churches in foreign fields not

covered by other provisions herein shall be continued as may seem mutually advantageous.

REPORT NO. 7. BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
Calendar No. 200. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 420.

M, 114; P, 76; F, 76

CHAPTER II

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

SECTION I—THE AIM OF MISSIONS

¶ 931. The supreme aim of Missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their Divine Saviour, to persuade them to become his disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian Churches; to enlist them in the building of the Kingdom of God; to co-operate with these Churches; to promote world Christian Fellowship, and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ.

SECTION II—INCORPORATION

¶ 932. There shall be an incorporated Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, hereinafter called the Board. It shall conduct its operations through three administrative Divisions, each of which shall be incorporated. The Board and its Divisions shall be incorporated in such State or States as the Board may select. Subject to the limitations hereinafter specified, each of the incorporated Divisions shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Board, and all shall be under the direction and control of the General Conference of The Methodist Church in all things not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the States of incorporation.

¶ 933. The Board shall have control of all the work formerly controlled and administered by the following: The Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Board of Missions, including the Woman's Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council, and the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, and such other corporations or agencies

of the General Conference which do similar work; but this recital shall not be construed as exclusive.

SECTION III—CONSTITUTION

¶ 934, *Article 1. Name and Object.* The name of this organization shall be the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. Its objects are religious, philanthropic and educational, designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of Christianity in every part of the world, by the promotion and support of all phases of Missionary and Church extension activity in the United States and other countries; to promote missionary intelligence, interest, and zeal throughout The Methodist Church, and to aid in Christianizing personal life and the social order in all lands and among all peoples. Other agencies of The Methodist Church shall conduct work in foreign fields only with consent of and in co-operation with the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

¶ 935, *Art. 2.—Authority.* The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings in accordance with its Constitution and Charter; to buy, acquire, receive by gift, devise, or bequest property, real, personal, and mixed, and to hold, sell, and dispose of property; to secure, appropriate, and administer funds for its work; to sue and be sued; to elect the necessary officers and members of its staff, remove them for cause, and fill vacancies; to make By-laws in harmony with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and the Charter of the Board, and to administer its affairs through its respective Divisions, and shall be clothed with the power and shall have the right to do any and all things which shall be authorized by its Charter.

¶ 936, *Art. 3.—Board of Managers.* The management and disposition of the affairs of the Board, the making and administration of appropriations, and all other activities, shall be vested in a Board of Managers.

¶ 937. The Board of Managers shall be composed as follows: 1. All effective Bishops of The Methodist Church resident in the United States of America; 2. Members elected quadrennially by the Jurisdictional Conferences; one minister and three lay members, two of whom shall be women, from each Jurisdiction for each 450,000 members or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction, and in addition, one young man and one young woman under twenty-five years of age, from each Jurisdiction; provided that no Jurisdiction, in addition to its effective Bishops, shall have fewer than two ministers and six lay members, four of whom shall be women, and in addition, two youth members, one man

and one woman, under twenty-five years of age. In nominating and electing such members, the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) one minister and one layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Board of Missions and Church Extension; (b)* twice the necessary number of lay members who shall be designated by the Woman's Jurisdictional Society from the three members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jurisdiction; (c) and one young man and one young woman from those nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction. Vacancies in the Board of Managers shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur ad interim, having regard to the various classifications of members.

The Board, on Nomination of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, is authorized to elect quadrennially not to exceed twelve laymen, two from each Jurisdiction, for each Division, who shall serve as Advisory Members of the Board.

The Board, on Nomination of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is authorized to elect quadrennially not to exceed twenty-four women, four from each Jurisdiction, for the Division, who shall serve as Advisory Members of the Board.

¶ 938. The Board of Managers shall meet annually, at such time and place as it may determine. Forty members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President on order of the Executive Committee or may be ordered by the Board of Managers.

¶ 939. The Board of Managers shall elect quadrennially a President, who shall be the presiding officer, a Vice-President for each of the administrative Divisions, each one to be nominated by the respective Divisions, and a Vice-President for the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as it may need. Their duties shall be those usually performed by such officers. The Board may also elect annually such Committees as may be necessary to carry on its business.

¶ 940. (1) The Board shall elect quadrennially, upon nomination of the respective Divisions, a General Executive Committee of forty-eight members: twelve members from the Division of Foreign Missions, three of whom shall be

*It is understood that this provision will not apply until nominations are made for the ensuing quadrennium.

women; twelve members from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, three of whom shall be women; twelve women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; twelve members, six men and six women, from the Division of Education and Cultivation. A majority of the members of the General Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be a member of, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. This General Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board *ad interim*. (2) For the more efficient performance of its duties the General Executive Committee shall constitute from its own body four Sub-Committees on (1) Foreign Missions, (2) Home Missions and Church Extension, (3) Woman's Division of Christian Service, (4) Education and Cultivation. These Sub-Committees with such additional members as each Division may determine, and with the respective Executive Secretaries of the Divisions as ex-officio members, when approved by the Board or its General Executive Committee, shall be designated as Executive Committees of the respective Divisions. These Sub-Committees shall have such powers as the Executive Committee shall delegate to them.

¶ 941, Art. 4. The duties of the Board shall be:

1. To have the general oversight of the Missionary and Church Extension program of The Methodist Church, with special reference to its development and expansion.

2. To determine the broad lines of policy and program, and, through the respective Divisions to carry out the program.

3. To safeguard for each Division the fullest measure of autonomy consistent with presenting a united front and a mutually-supporting program.

4. To foster, as between the respective Divisions united fellowship, planning, and action.

5. Upon recommendation of the Divisions, to determine fields to be occupied and the nature of the work to be undertaken; to secure, appropriate and expend money for the support of all work under its care; to build and maintain churches, hospitals, homes, schools, parsonages, and other institutions of Christian Service; and to enlist, train, and support the workers.

6. To elect, on nomination of the Divisions, and commission the Executive Officers of the respective Divisions.

7. To receive and administer all properties and trust funds coming into the possession of the Board as a Board for missionary or other purposes, except as hereinafter provided.

8. To assist in the organization of and in the maintenance of co-operative relations with the Boards, Committees, and other agencies of the General Conference; also with the Jurisdictional, Central, and Annual Conference Boards, Committees, and agencies; likewise with interdenominational and other missionary agencies in the home and foreign fields.

9. To make a report of its activities during the quadrennium to the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences.

¶ 942. The Board shall provide for the correlation and harmonization of the work of its various Divisions, Departments, and Bureaus. It shall do any and all things consistent with its Constitution and Charter to accomplish the purpose of The Methodist Church in establishing Missionary and Church Extension work at home and abroad.

¶ 943, *Art. 5.—Divisions.* The Board shall conduct its activities through three Administrative Divisions and a Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, namely:

(1) Division of Foreign Missions, (2) Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, (3) Woman's Division of Christian Service, (4) Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

¶ 944, *Art. 6.—Executive Secretaries.* The Board shall elect quadrennially one or more Executive Secretaries for each of the three Administrative Divisions, and two (one man and one woman) for the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, with such assistants as the needs of the work may require. Said Secretaries shall be nominated by their respective Divisions, and shall be elected by the Board.

These Secretaries shall have co-ordinate power. They shall be subject to the direction of the Board and of their respective Divisions. Upon the recommendation of the Divisions their salaries shall be fixed and paid as the Board may determine. They shall be employed exclusively in the work of the Board, promoting its activities as the Board may approve. These Executive Secretaries shall be members ex-officio of the Board

¶ 945, *Art. 7.—Treasurers.* The Board shall elect quadrennially a Treasurer for the Division of Foreign Missions, a Treasurer for the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and a Treasurer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, upon nomination by the respective Divisions. On recommendation of the Treasurers, the Board shall designate from time to time one of the Division Treasurers to receive and handle general funds of the Board not belonging to any one Division and to act as the legal financial

representative of the Board in matters affecting the Board as a whole.

¶ 946. The Treasurers shall be responsible for receiving the funds of the Board and of the respective Divisions, holding the same in a safe depository and disbursing them according to the regulations of the Board or the respective Divisions upon proper order. The Board upon recommendation of the Divisions shall designate depositories for their funds. The Treasurers shall also be charged with the responsibility of receiving and holding all trust funds, endowments and securities of the Board and the respective Divisions and properly disbursing the returns therefrom according to the regulations of the Board and the respective Divisions, and shall further be responsible, under the direction of Finance Committees, for the investing of said Trust Funds, endowments and other permanent funds, excepting such funds as shall be available for loans to churches to be administered by the Section of Church Extension.

¶ 947. All properties, trust funds, permanent funds, and other special funds and endowments now held and administered by the several organizations merging into the Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be carefully safeguarded and administered in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established; provided, that the properties, trust funds, permanent and endowment funds shall be transferred to the Board of Missions and Church Extension or its respective Divisions from merging Boards and Societies and Departments of such Boards and Societies only when such transfers may be made in accordance with the laws of the States where the several Boards and Societies are chartered and upon the recommendation of the respective Divisions and the approval of such Boards and Societies. Funds of the three administrative Divisions and their preceding corporations and Societies, which are subject to appropriation, shall be appropriated only upon recommendation of the respective Divisions and for the work for which the respective Divisions are responsible.

¶ 948. The Treasurers, Assistant Treasurers and all employees of the Board handling cash and securities shall be bonded by the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may determine. Their books shall be audited at least annually by certified public accountants chosen by the Board, and the report of the Treasurers and auditors shall be presented to the Board at each annual meeting.

¶ 949. The Board shall elect the Editors, men and women, of its periodicals and literature in the Joint Division of

Education and Cultivation on nomination of the Division to which they shall be responsible.

¶ 950. The Board shall also elect such Associate or Assistant Secretaries, Treasurers, Superintendents of Departments and other officers, on nomination of the respective Divisions and sections concerned, as the Board may require.

¶ 951, *Art. 8.—Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.* There shall be a Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the several Divisions of the Board, which shall be responsible for the enlistment, cultivation, training, and recommendation of candidates for Missionary service at home and abroad, and shall consider all matters relating to the effectiveness of missionaries.

¶ 952, *Art. 9.—Missionaries.* Standards and qualifications of missionary candidates for home and foreign service, including Deaconesses, shall be determined by the Board on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

¶ 953. A person shall be constituted a Missionary or Deaconess and receive support as such from the funds of the Board when such person has been commissioned by the Board and has been assigned to some definite field.

¶ 954. In fields outside the United States the Annual Conference may seat regularly appointed lay missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the Annual Conference session and give them the privileges of the floor and the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional. They shall be eligible for election to Mission or Conference Committees.

SECTION IV—DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

¶ 955, *Article 1.—Organization.* Within the Board there shall be a Division of Foreign Missions, hereinafter called the Division, which shall be one of the co-ordinate administrative Divisions of the Board.

¶ 956. The Division shall be incorporated as hereinbefore provided.

¶ 957. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of one-third of the effective Bishops, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the lay women, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board, and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

¶ 958, *Art. 2.—Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-Laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate

its own proceedings in harmony with its By-Laws; to nominate its necessary officers, to recommend the removal of any officer for cause and to nominate persons to fill vacancies among the officers; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations, and to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work.

¶ 959. The Division shall administer and promote the work of Missions outside the United States and its dependencies formerly administered by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the work outside of the United States of the Board of Missions, General Section, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, except such activities of the Woman's Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, and shall have committed to it all the general Foreign Missionary activities of The Methodist Church in foreign fields.

¶ 960. This Division shall (1) estimate the needs of the work under its care and shall present the same to the Board for consideration and approval; (2) present to the Board for appointment for its various fields of service, Missionaries who have been approved by the Missionary Personnel Committee.

¶ 961. (1) The Division, in co-operation with the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division, shall formulate plans and policies for the administration of Foreign Missions, shall consider lines of work, fields to be occupied, and various enterprises, and make recommendations to the Board for approval.

(2) There shall be an Inter-division Committee on Foreign Work with equal representation from the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which shall consider policies, programs and estimates which come from Field Committees in the respective Divisions. (See ¶ 964.) They shall report their recommendations regarding correlation and co-ordination to the Divisions or Boards.

¶ 962. This Division shall recommend to the Board for appropriation an Emergency or Contingent Fund not less than 3 per cent nor more than 5 per cent of the total amount appropriated for the Division. This Division shall not recommend to the Board for appropriation, including the Emergency Fund, for a fiscal year more than the total

amount received for this Division from all sources during the preceding fiscal year.

¶ 963. *Officers.* The Division shall nominate a Vice-President of the Board who shall be President of the Division. It shall also nominate for election by the Board its Executive Secretaries, Treasurer or Treasurers and other Secretaries and officers. Vacancies shall be filled on nomination of the Division. Such other officers as the Division may need it shall provide. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed officers and workers.

¶ 964, *Art. 3.—Foreign Field Committees, Budgets and Estimates.* In a Foreign Mission Field of the Board each Annual Conference and each Provisional Annual Conference shall have a Field Committee, consisting of the following members: the Resident Bishop, the Mission Superintendents, the District Superintendents, if requested by the Conference; the Mission Treasurers; and wherever possible an equal number of missionaries of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service chosen by the missionaries within the bounds of the Conference; and national men and women, wherever possible of equal number, to be elected by the Conference. The personnel of the Committee shall be approved by the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Committee shall be responsible to the Divisions for the administration of the funds provided by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The duties of the Field Committee shall be:

(1) To prepare askings for the work of the Annual Conference, *Provisional Annual Conference or Mission work for both General and Woman's Work, except the financial requirements for missionary support which is a direct responsibility of the Board.

(2) To consult with the Board of Missions and Church Extension on all matters of mutual concern.

(3) To study and co-ordinate the work of the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

(4) To elect its Chairman and Secretary; to forward its minutes, quarterly, to the respective Divisions of the Board,

*NOTE: Change "Mission Conference" to "Provisional Annual Conference" throughout the *Discipline*.

and the report of its recommendations to the Divisions for approval.

¶ 965. In a mission field, where there is a Central Conference in which there is an Executive Board or Council of Co-operation duly constituted, the Budget estimates for the development of the work, prepared by the various Field Committees, shall be presented to the Division of Foreign Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service after approval by said Executive Board or Council of Co-operation. The Budgets shall be presented, Conference by Conference, and by projects within the Conference. These estimates shall be prepared and submitted separately for the General and Woman's Work in such form as may be required, and shall be the basis for appropriation of mission funds.

¶ 966. In Provisional Central Conferences, where there is no Executive Board or Council of Co-operation, the estimates shall be sent direct to the Division of Foreign Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the Field Committee of each Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission.

¶ 967. In a Mission Field where there is an autonomous Church and where Mission Councils or similar agencies have been organized, these agencies may nominate to the Board for approval a Field Committee whose functions correspond to those set forth in ¶ 964.

¶ 968. Wherever desired by an autonomous Methodist Church and the missionaries working in relation to such Church, there shall be a Central Council composed of members of the autonomous Church and the missionaries of the Board working in that field, under a Constitution approved by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. This Central Council shall be the agency through which the Board shall co-operate with such autonomous Church.

¶ 969, Art. 4.—*Administration of Missions.*

1. In foreign fields outside of an Annual Conference working under the care of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference, the work of the missionaries shall be administered as provided for in ¶ 502.

2. The Mission shall meet annually. It shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries and Mission traveling preachers, with lay members. Each Mission shall determine the number of lay members and the mode of their appointment.

3. A Bishop, or in his absence one of the Superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission shall preside in the Annual

Meeting. This Meeting shall exercise in a general way the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach, and to pass upon the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial Mission traveling preachers and to recommend proper persons for Deacon's and Elder's Orders. The Bishop or President shall at the Annual Meeting assign the missionaries and Mission traveling preachers to the several charges for the ensuing year; provided, that no missionary shall be transferred to or from a Mission without previous consultation with the Board.

4. The work of a Mission shall be divided, when necessary, into Districts, over each of which a missionary shall be placed as Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in the absence of the Bishop, to take general supervision of the work in his District with all its interests, and to report the state of that work and its needs to the Bishop in charge and to the Board.

5. *Art. 5.—Missionaries' Meeting.* For the consideration of financial and other matters relative to the policies of the Board, and the work of the missionaries, the missionaries of each Mission shall hold an annual Missionaries' Meeting and report their proceedings to the Board. In the absence of a Bishop one of the missionaries shall be elected by ballot to preside.

¶ 970, *Art. 6.* Missionaries in Fields in which there are Autonomous or Independent Methodist Churches.

(1) The missionaries of The Methodist Church appointed to work in Mission fields where there are autonomous or independent Methodist Churches, while retaining their membership in their home local churches and Annual Conferences and without impairing their relationship to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the appointing authority of The Methodist Church, shall, while in service in such fields, be free to accept the rights and privileges of membership in the local churches and the Annual Conferences of the national Methodist Churches as offered to them by such Churches.

(2) The missionaries in such Mission fields may be organized into Mission Councils under Constitutions approved by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

¶ 971. A Mission Council shall be authorized to elect and send one of its members to the General Conference of The Methodist Church as its representative. Such representative shall have his expenses paid from the General Conference funds and shall be accorded the privilege of sitting with the Committees of the General Conference with the

right to speak when questions relating to our work in foreign fields are being considered.

SECTION V—DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH
EXTENSION

¶ 972, *Article 1.—Organization.* Within the Board there shall be a Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, hereinafter called the Division, which shall be one of the co-ordinate administrative Divisions of the Board.

¶ 973. The Division shall be incorporated as hereinbefore provided.

¶ 974. The Division shall be composed as nearly as possible of one-third of the effective Bishops, and the remaining members shall be as follows: one-half of the ministers, one-half of the laymen, one-third of the lay women, and one-third of the youth members of the Board. The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board and at such other times as it may deem necessary.

¶ 975, *Art. 2.—Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-Laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-Laws; to nominate its necessary officers, to recommend the removal of any officer for cause and to nominate persons to fill vacancies among the officers; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; and to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work.

¶ 976.—*Officers.* (1) The Division shall nominate a Vice-President of the Board who shall be President of the Division. It shall also nominate for election by the Board its Executive Secretaries, Treasurer or Treasurers and other Secretaries and officers. Vacancies shall be filled on nomination of the Division. Such other officers as the Division may need it shall provide. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed officers and workers.

¶ 977, *Art. 3.—Functions.* The Division shall have general supervision and administration of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension in the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and The Dominican Republic; and administration of all Donation Aid, Loan

Funds, and Endowments contributed and established for the work of Church Extension, except such as may be administered by the Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences.

¶ 978. The Division shall have two sections: The Section of Home Missions, and the Section of Church Extension, with one or more Executive Secretaries for each Section, having co-ordinate authority in their respective fields of administrative responsibility.

Section of Home Missions

¶ 979. The Section of Home Missions shall have the following Departments, plus such organizational units as the Board, upon the recommendation of the Section, may determine:

- (a) Department of City Work.
- (b) Department of Town and Country Work.
- (c) Department of Goodwill Industries.
- (d) Department of Negro Work.

The Departments shall work in close co-operation with one another particularly in any overlapping areas.

¶ 980. The Secretary or Secretaries of this Section shall supervise, administer, and promote the work of Home Missions. They shall communicate to any Bishop assigned to the presidency of an Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission in the time of his presidency, such information as the Section of Home Missions may possess touching said Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission for the guidance of the Bishop in administration.

A. Department of City Work

¶ 981. The Department of City Work shall promote missionary work in cities with a population of ten thousand or more. It shall aid in making surveys in cities with special reference to the religious conditions of foreign-speaking, Negro, or other groups; the necessary location and adaptation of church buildings, and the programs required for needy and congested communities. It shall also aid in the organization and development of adequate religious centers in city territory. It shall administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the Division. All askings for missionary work in cities of ten thousand population or more shall require the review and recommendation of the Department or its Superintendent.

¶ 982. The Department of City Work shall promote the organization of City Missionary Societies wherever possible and practicable.

¶ 983. A City Society may be organized in the interest of Home Missions and Church Extension under such name and control as it may determine, wherever, in the judgment of the Bishop or Bishops and District Superintendent or Superintendents concerned, it is deemed advisable. The purpose of such a Society is to promote evangelization and to co-ordinate the work of the Church in such cities and contiguous communities. All Bishops, District Superintendents, and Superintendents of Missions or Provisional Annual Conferences having jurisdiction within the geographical territory covered by the Society, and all Pastors therein, shall be ex-officio members of said Society or its Board of Managers. Each Quarterly Conference shall be entitled to at least one lay representative in the Society or Board.

¶ 984. The City Society may include in its work the organization of Church Schools, and the organization (but not the constituting) of Churches, the aid of weak Churches, the acquisition of real estate, and the erection of buildings, the adaptation of downtown Churches to their altered environment, the securing and holding of endowments for the City Society and dependent Churches, the conducting of missions among foreign-speaking and other needy peoples, the development of well-organized open-air evangelism, the maintenance of kindergartens and industrial schools, the promotion of social and settlement work, including services rendered in connection with juvenile court cases, the support of rescue missions and of institutions for the relief of the sick and the destitute. A City Society may also devise plans for promoting the connectional life of Methodism, and for co-operation and federation with other Evangelical Churches.

¶ 985. A City Society may elect, either from within or from without its membership, not more than three persons, members of The Methodist Church, as members of the Quarterly Conference of any Church under its supervision or the object of its benefactions. The persons so chosen shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of Quarterly Conference membership, when so approved by the Quarterly Conference.

¶ 986. In Annual Conferences where there exists a City Society having an executive officer giving his entire time to the work, it is recommended that said executive officer shall be invited into consultation with the Bishop and District Superintendents in the consideration of the appointments that affect missions or Churches administered or aided by said Society.

¶ 987. A City Society shall have authority in the territory covered by its Constitution or Charter, to make apportionments to the Pastoral Charges, and to collect and disburse moneys for all the objects contemplated in its organization.

¶ 988. It is recommended that any Church within its territory, expecting to receive aid for building or improvement from the City Society, be required to secure, as a condition to receiving such aid, the approval of the City Society with respect to location, plans, and methods of financing.

¶ 989. A City Society, in order to receive appropriations from the Board through the Division shall meet the following conditions: (a) It shall be organized according to the *Discipline*; (b) it shall have an Executive Committee meeting at least once every quarter; (c) it shall be actively at work; (d) it shall have made a report as required by the Department of City Work; (e) it shall endeavor to raise annually by collections or otherwise an amount at least equal to that appropriated to it by the Board, exclusive of appropriations made for work among foreign-speaking peoples.

¶ 990. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent whose District covers in whole or in part a city, or contains communities contiguous to each other in which there are two or more charges, to co-operate with the Department of City Work in securing, wherever practicable, the organizations of a City Society as herein provided. Charges in communities adjacent to a city, and not attached to any other Society, may be included in the Society of the adjacent city.

¶ 991. It shall be the duty of each pastor whose charge lies within the territory of a City Society, once each year to present the interests of the Society to his congregation, take a collection for the same, or provide for the amount apportioned in the Benevolence Budget, and report the amount received to the Annual Conference.

¶ 992. The Annual Conferences are directed to take such friendly interest in the City Societies within their bounds as shall promote their efficiency and facilitate their work; to arrange for the publication of their reports in the Conference Journal, and to provide a separate column in connection with the statement of the Benevolence collections for the itemized report of the offerings for this work.

¶ 993. All City Societies shall be auxiliary to the Division, and shall make each year to the Department of City Work a detailed statement which shall include (1) Num-

ber of ministers or missionaries supported in whole or in part, the amount paid to each, and the kind of work in which each is engaged; (2) expenses of administration; (3) the total amount raised by the Society and how expended. The report shall also include such other items as the Department shall require.

¶ 994. The Department of City Work shall promote the Council of Cities of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Council shall be composed of the Secretary, the Superintendent and members of the Department, and two delegates from each organized City Society. The Council may be convened annually, or at such other times as the Department may determine.

¶ 995. The purpose of the Council shall be to promote the study of City Church work, with all that relates to a better understanding of the religious needs of urban communities. It shall present methods for city surveys, practical methods of Church development and administration, having in view the city-wide responsibility of the Church. It shall seek by papers and discussions to present the social, economic, industrial, and spiritual needs of the cities.

B. Department of Town and Country Work.

¶ 996. The Department shall promote in co-operation with other Boards and agencies all phases of the work of the Church in rural territory and in places of less than ten thousand population; conduct surveys and research studies of rural conditions and use the findings for more effective rural Church work; develop a co-operative procedure among all Church and other agencies that serve rural people; promote among our Ministers and in Colleges and Theological Schools the study of town and country life; co-operate with the allies of the Church in improving the economic, social, educational, and religious life of the people in town and rural areas.

¶ 997. The Department shall promote a constructive policy for supplying rural Churches with weekly public worship either by the service of regular ministers, or competent religious lay workers; develop a system for training the officials in the local Church, and devise a plan for providing adequate financial support for rural ministers.

¶ 998 (1). The Department shall give instruction, encouragement, and support to Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension in the prosecution of Conference plans for carrying forward Christian work in village and rural communities, and to the Jurisdictional Boards in their regional movements and methods for establishing

the Church and preaching the gospel of Christ to all the people in their territory.

(2) The Department may promote the organization of Town and Country Societies where such Societies are needed, these Societies to select their own name, determine their own organization, and prosecute such work as they deem best in co-operation with the Department.

¶ 999. The Department shall review maintenance askings from and administer appropriations to the field for town and country work, and recommend to responsible organizations, after a careful survey of the field, essential denominational exchanges, mergers, or other co-operative plans to prevent overlapping by religious organizations.

¶ 1000. (1) There shall be an Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work which shall be composed of one Secretary from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and one from the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and two other persons chosen by each of said Divisions; the Secretary of the Division of the Local Church and the Secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and two other persons chosen by each of said Divisions.

(2) The Committee shall ascertain what phases of rural work the participating agencies propose to carry on and shall give whatever assistance it can in correlating the programs for a full service to town and country churches.

(3) The Committees shall report annually to the participating Boards making suggestions and recommendations concerning their work in town and country churches.

¶ 1001. (1) Any Annual Conference which elects to do so may set up a Commission on Town and County Work, consisting of the Bishop in charge of the Conference; the District Superintendents; the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education; three persons from each of the following Conference Boards: the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Education, Woman's Society of Christian Service; and two each from the Conference Board of Lay Activities and the Conference Commission on Evangelism and two young people chosen by the Conference Youth Organization.

(2) The Commission shall meet annually at least four weeks before the session of the Annual Conference. At this meeting the Commission shall outline a program of town and country work to be presented to the participating Conference Boards and agencies and it shall seek to co-ordinate all such work of the various Boards and agencies.

(3) The Commission may conduct surveys and research studies of rural conditions within the bounds of the Conference; seek to develop a co-operative procedure between all social and governmental agencies; shall seek to create a definite status for the rural church by (a) promoting an interest in town and country work among prospective ministers and students in theological schools; (b) by working toward a ministry with specific training for rural work; (c) by promoting a higher salary scale where Circuits are not providing adequate support; (d) by encouraging young ministers to dedicate themselves to rural service; (e) by promoting a more abundant community life; and (f) by seeking to develop and use lay speakers.

C. Department of Goodwill Industries.

¶ 1002. The Section of Home Missions shall maintain a Department of Goodwill Industries, the purpose of which shall be to provide for the religious, educational, social, and industrial welfare of the handicapped and unfortunate. This Department shall consist of seventeen members including the Treasurer of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Superintendent of the Department of City Work, the Superintendent of the Department of Goodwill Industries, and fourteen others, one-half of whom shall be executives of autonomous auxiliary Goodwill Industries, and all of whom shall be qualified by training, interest or experience with Goodwill Industries for the work of the Department of Goodwill Industries. Members of the Department shall be elected by the Division, on joint nomination of the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Section of Home Missions; *provided*, however, that the executives of local Goodwill Industries to be nominated for election to the Department shall be selected from among nominations submitted by auxiliary Goodwill Industries. The Executive Secretary of the Section of Home Missions shall be a member ex officio of the Department of Goodwill Industries.

The Department shall promote and establish Goodwill Industries in various centers; shall review missionary askings and administer appropriations for Goodwill Industries; shall endorse and assist only those local Goodwill Industries which are organized and conducted according to its standards, rules, and regulations, and shall urge them to co-operate in programs promoted by other Boards, divisions, sections, departments, or agencies of The Methodist Church.

The Department may conduct national and regional institutes, and such other special training activities as will help

to develop the specialized leadership required for the direction of Goodwill Industries.

D. Department of Negro Work.

¶ 1003. (1) The Section of Home Missions shall maintain a Department of Negro Work which shall be organized as follows: two members from the Department of City Work; two members from the Department of Town and Country work; two members from the Section of Church Extension; two members from the Woman's Division of Christian Service and two members at large from the Central Jurisdiction. The Superintendent of the Department shall be chosen from the membership of the Central Jurisdiction on nomination of the Section of Home Missions.

(2) The Department shall study and promote missionary work among Negroes and conduct other activities which, from time to time, the developments of the work may require and which the Section may assign to it. It shall co-operate with the Boards and agencies of the Central Jurisdictional Conference and of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and with the Department of City Work, the Department of Town and Country Work, the Section of Church Extension and the Woman's Division of Christian Service as their work may affect the Negro population of the country.

E. Bilingual and Minority Groups.

¶ 1004. Bilingual work in the United States, except in organized Bilingual Annual Conferences and Missions, shall be administered through the English-speaking Conferences under the supervision of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension. A Special Commission shall be set up by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Woman's Division of Christian Service which shall be responsible for planning definite and increased service to bilingual and minority groups.

To insure a nation-wide sense of responsibility, it shall be the duty of the District Superintendent and Pastor to remind the Quarterly Conference of each English-speaking Methodist Church in America of its missionary obligation to any bilingual peoples and minority groups resident in the Charge.

Inter-Division Committee on Home Missionary Work

¶ 1005. There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on home missionary work which, in co-operation with a similar Committee of an equal number from the Home Depart-

ment of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, shall co-ordinate and correlate plans and policies for Home Missions, and arrange for such co-operative activities and joint projects as may be mutually acceptable.

Section of Church Extension

¶ 1006. The work of Church Extension shall be conducted under the following provisions and regulations:

1. The Section of Church Extension shall encourage the erection of churches in communities not already adequately supplied; shall assist in the building of churches, parsonages, and other mission buildings where assistance is most needed; and shall give special attention to church architecture.

2. The Division shall appropriate money for the various types of work in the field and the conduct of the office. The Section shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Division what amount should be donated or loaned to each applicant and shall administer all Donation Aid, Loan Funds, and Endowments contributed and established for the work of Church Extension except such as may be administered by the Annual Conferences; and do such other business as may be legitimate and proper for it to do.

3. Aid in the form of donations in the erection, remodeling, and repairing of churches and parsonages shall be made available primarily to clearly missionary projects. Assistance in the development of other types of church property, if and when granted, shall be provided as loans.

4. All applications for Church Extension aid shall be made through the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, or a similar Board in the Jurisdiction. Grants shall be made by the Division or the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Section and the Secretary or Secretaries.

5. In granting donations to churches and parsonages the Division shall require from the Trustees of each aided Church an obligation, which shall be a lien upon the property involved, for the return of the amount donated, with lawful interest thereon, in the event that the work shall cease or the property shall be alienated from The Methodist Church. In case of re-location, the Division's investment and lien may be transferred to the new property.

6. When a donation is granted by the Division where the property involved is held in trust by the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference no lien shall be required by the Division; *provided* the Trustees of the Annual Conference agree, with the approval of the Annual Conference, that

the property shall not be conveyed without protecting the Church Extension claim, and that appropriations to the Annual Conference may be withheld if need be to insure such protection.

7. The Division shall raise and administer a Loan Fund which shall be held separate from funds secured for general distribution. It shall consist of all money or other properties especially donated or bequeathed to the Board or Division as a Permanent Fund, subject to annuity or otherwise, where the gift is intended to assist in the building and financing of churches and parsonages in the field of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension. It shall be used only as loans on adequate security to be determined by the Section.

8. It shall be lawful for the Division to accept contributions to its funds from any person or persons capable of making the same, subject to annuity, payable to the persons making such donations, or other contractual beneficiaries; *provided*, however, that all amounts so received shall be loaned by the Division on adequate security; and *provided*, further, that the aggregate amounts of annuities that the said Division shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed the annual interest receivable on the loans made. Expenses incurred in the administration of such funds shall be charged to and defrayed out of the income received therefrom. The requirement of the Charter of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which states that "the aggregate of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one half of the annual interest receivable on the loans made by said Board," shall be binding and in effect on all annuities made by it.

9. (1) There shall be a fund known as the "Revolving Fund," which shall consist of such sums as may be released from the General Fund or appropriated by the Board or the Executive Committee, Church Extension grants, and such other funds as may be made available. Loans from the Revolving Fund shall be made to churches and parsonages upon such terms and conditions as the Section shall from time to time determine.

(2) The Section shall organize and conduct a service to the field known as the Department of Finance and Debt-Raising for the purpose of securing funds for new church building enterprises or debt-burdened churches and of assisting and guiding churches in developing effective budget and other financial plans. Churches receiving this service

shall make such payment therefor as the Section shall determine.

Administration of Missions

¶ 1007. 1. In Home fields outside of an Annual Conference, or work among racial groups, working under the care of the Board of Missions and Church Extension not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference, the work of the missionaries shall be administered by the Board as provided for in ¶ 501.

2. The Mission shall meet annually, and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries and Mission traveling preachers, with lay members, the number of whom and the mode of their appointment each Mission shall determine for itself.

3. The Bishop in charge of a Mission may appoint a Superintendent of the Mission, or as many Superintendents as, in the judgment of the Bishop, may appear necessary or wise and for whom support has been provided. The Bishop shall determine the groups or charges over which the respective Superintendents shall have supervision.

4. A Bishop, or in his absence one of the Superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission shall preside in the Annual Meeting. This meeting shall exercise in a general way the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach, and to pass upon the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial Mission traveling preachers and to recommend proper persons for Deacon's and Elder's Orders. The Bishop or President shall at the Annual Meeting assign the missionaries and Mission traveling preachers to the several Charges for the ensuing year; *provided*, that no missionary shall be transferred to or from a Mission without previous consultation with the Board.

5. In case of a Mission using more than one foreign language, and extending over a wide geographical territory, the Bishop may assemble in Annual Meetings the members of the Mission on a racial or geographical basis. The Mission may delegate to such sub-groups the work of examining and recommending to an Annual Conference candidates for Admission on Trial, under such limitations as the *Discipline* provides.

6. In Missions, examinations of Local and Traveling Preachers shall be held by the Mission, and certified to an Annual Conference. The Missions also shall make recommendations for Reception on Trial in an Annual Conference.

SECTION VI. WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

¶ 1008, *Article 1.—Organization.* (1) Within the Board there shall be a Woman's Division of Christian Service, hereinafter called the Division, which shall be one of the coordinate administrative Divisions of the Board. (2) The Division shall be incorporated as hereinafter provided. (3) The Division shall be composed of all the women members of the Board, one Bishop from each Jurisdiction and one-third of the youth members of the Board. This division may nominate for election by the Board quadrennially not to exceed twenty-four women, four from each Jurisdiction, who shall serve as advisory members of the division and of the Board. The Division shall hold a regular annual meeting and such other meetings as shall be called by the Division or the Executive Committee. (4) The Woman's Division shall include in its scope the interests and activities formerly promoted and administered by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Ladies' Aid Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the types of work and interests included in the Board of Missions, Section of Woman's Work, the Woman's Missionary Council and former Boards and Societies (the Woman's Missionary Society, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions) of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; such activities of the Woman's Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church as logically fall within the organization and all Deaconess work of the Uniting Churches within the United States. All other organizations of women of similar purpose operating in the Charges of the Uniting Churches may come under the scope of this Division.

¶ 1009, *Art. 2.—Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-laws; to nominate its necessary officers; to recommend the removal of any officer for cause and to nominate persons to fill vacancies among the officers; to recommend fields of labor; to accept, train, and maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; to prepare and recommend to the Board appropriations for its work; to organize Jurisdictional, Conference, District, and local Church societies for adults, young people, and children as

auxiliary to the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and to recommend Constitutions and By-laws for the same.

¶ 1010, *Art. 3.—Purpose.* The purpose of the Woman's Division shall be to develop and maintain Christian work among women and children at home and abroad; to cultivate Christian family life; to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women, young people, and children in behalf of native and foreign groups, needy childhood, and community welfare; to assist in the promotion of a missionary spirit throughout the Church; to select, train, and maintain Christian workers; to co-operate with the local Church in its responsibilities, and to seek fellowship with Christian women of this and other lands in establishing a Christian social order around the world.

¶ 1011, *Art. 4.—Officers.* (1) The Division shall nominate a Vice-President of the Board who shall be President of the Division. It shall also nominate for election by the Board, its Executive and other Secretaries, its Treasurer or Treasurers, Editor, Publication Manager, and other officers. Vacancies shall be filled on nomination of the Division. Such other Secretaries and officers as the Division may need it shall provide. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officary and the remuneration of any employed officers and workers.

Departments

¶ 1012, *Article 1.—Organization.* (1) The Division shall be organized into three Departments:

- (a) Department of Work in Foreign Fields.
- (b) Department of Work in the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic.
- (c) Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

(2) There shall be such Bureaus, Committees, and other organizational units in each Department as shall best promote its interest. The functions of these, other than hereinafter determined, shall be defined by the Division.

(3) The Division shall elect a Chairman for each of the Departments, who shall be Vice-Presidents of the Division.

(4) There shall be a Secretary or Secretaries in each Department. The number and duties of the Secretaries shall be determined and defined by the Division.

¶ 1013, *Art. 2.* The Department of Work in Foreign Fields shall be an administrative department and shall promote the work of Missions outside the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic. (1) There shall be a Standing Committee com-

posed of the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields and the Jurisdictional representatives of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields. (2) There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Foreign Work with equal representation from the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the Division of Foreign Missions, which shall consider policies, programs, and estimates which come from the Field Committees to the respective Divisions. (See ¶ 964.) They shall report their recommendations regarding correlation and co-ordination to the Divisions or the Board.

¶ 1014, *Art. 3.* The Department of Work in the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic, shall be an administrative department and shall supervise and promote the Home Missionary work of the Division. (1) This Department shall have a Standing Committee composed of the Executive Secretary and Secretaries of the Department and the Jurisdictional representatives of the Department of Work in the United States of America, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and The Dominican Republic, on work in Home Fields. (2) This Committee, in conjunction with a Standing Committee in the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, shall constitute an Inter-Division Committee on Home Work which shall co-ordinate and correlate the programs and policies in the Home Fields. (3) In the Department of Work in Home Fields there shall be a Bureau of Deaconess Work.

Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

¶ 1015, *Art. 4.* The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities shall supervise and promote the work of the Division along the lines of community service and social relations.

It shall seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, class, racial, and national relationships. It shall endeavor to enlist the participation of Church women in such questions as have a moral or religious significance or an important bearing on public welfare.

It shall seek to inspire in the women of the local Church a greater devotion to its spiritual interests; to co-operate with its educational agencies, and to develop Christian fellowship and concern for the financial responsibilities of the Church.

¶ 1016, *Art. 5.* (1) The Division shall be empowered to create such Bureaus and Committees as the work may demand. There shall be an Executive Committee, a Commit-

tee on Missionary Personnel, a Committee on Trust Funds and Investments, a Committee on Finance and Estimates. There shall also be a Standing Committee on The World Federation of Methodist Women.

(2) The cultivation and promotion of the work of the Woman's Division and its auxiliary organizations shall be under the direction of the Division; the plans and policies for the same shall be carried out by the Woman Secretary or Secretaries of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

(3) The Woman's Division, working through the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education is authorized to co-operate in the missionary education for young women, girls, and children in accordance with plans to be determined by the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education.

¶ 1017, *Art. 6.* The funds for the maintenance of the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be derived from annual pledges or dues, special memberships, devises, bequests, annuities, special offerings, gifts and monies raised by special projects or collected in meetings held in the interest of the work of the Division; provided that the funds thus raised shall be appropriated to the work established by the several Uniting organizations comprising the Woman's Division, or work hereafter to be entered upon by the Woman's Division. All funds, except those designated for local purposes, shall be forwarded through the Conference Treasurers of the Women's Societies of Christian Service to the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of the Board. All undesignated funds shall be allocated by the Division upon recommendation of its Committee on Finance and Estimates on a definite percentage basis to the work of the several departments of the Division.

The Assembly

¶ 1018. There shall be a delegated body termed the Assembly which shall meet at such time and place as the Division may determine. The purpose of the Assembly shall be to promote and deepen interest in the work of the Woman's Division. The Division shall determine the composition, functions, and power of the Assembly.

The Bureau of Deaconess Work

¶ 1019. 1. The Office of Deaconess is hereby authorized in The Methodist Church.

(a) All Deaconess work in Foreign fields shall be under the supervision of the Central Conferences or Provisional

Central Conferences concerned. All Deaconess work in Europe shall be under the supervision of the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences in Europe.

(b) All Deaconess Work in the United States and its dependencies shall be under the supervision of the Bureau of Deaconess Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

(c) There shall be a Secretary or Secretaries of the Bureau of Deaconess Work elected by the Woman's Division.

2. All properties, trust funds, permanent funds, other special funds, and endowments now held and administered by or for the several forms of administration of Deaconess Work under the three Uniting Churches shall be carefully safeguarded and administered by the several forms of administration in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established.

3. The Bureau of Deaconess Work shall be composed of a Bishop, chosen by the Council of Bishops, the Secretaries of the Department of Home Missions of the Woman's Division, and Secretaries of the Deaconess Bureau, and two persons chosen by each Jurisdictional Deaconess Association, one of whom shall be a Deaconess member of that Association, and the other an officer of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

4. Candidates. A candidate shall meet the following requirements: She shall be a woman having the necessary qualifications, who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to full-time service of the Church. She shall be a member of The Methodist Church in good standing between the ages of twenty-three and thirty-five and shall have shown fitness for such service by some form of active Christian work. She shall be recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Charge of which she is a member. She shall have completed the required course in a standard high school, and at least two years of accredited College work or its scholastic equivalent, and shall have had two years of specialized preparation in an accredited training school, college, or other educational institution approved by the Bureau.

5. A Sabbatical Year, a part of which shall be spent in special study, may be granted with full or part salary upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Bureau of Deaconess Work and the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association. Annuity credit is granted for each Sabbatical Year.

6. Awaiting Appointment. A Deaconess, on recommendation of the Conference Deaconess Board and with the approval of the Bureau of Deaconess Work, may be so listed

for the following reasons: (a) Pending transfer between Conferences or Jurisdictions; (b) For attendance at school or special training previous to eligibility for Sabbatical leave; (c) Other reasons which may be approved by the Bureau of Deaconess Work; (d) Annuity credit is granted for the time during which a Deaconess is listed as awaiting appointment.

7. (a) A Deaconess shall be retired at the age of sixty-five unless by a two-thirds vote of the Association her term of service is lengthened, and shall receive a pension proportioned to her years of service. The Pension Plan for Deaconesses shall go into effect at the time of the organization of the Board and of the respective Divisions.

(b) The Woman's Division of Christian Service through the Bureau of Deaconess Work shall seek to increase the Deaconess Pension Funds by contributions, bequests, and otherwise.

8. Temporary Relief. A Deaconess who is compelled to cease her work temporarily because of illness shall be suitably provided for in such manner as shall be determined by the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

9. A Deaconess uniform shall be prescribed, but the wearing of it shall be optional.

Jurisdictional Deaconess Associations

¶ 1020. (1) All Deaconesses working in Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, or Missions of the Jurisdiction shall be members of the Association. The Association shall elect its own officers.

2. One Bishop, elected by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction, one minister from each Conference, elected by the Conference, and the President of each Conference Woman's Society of the Christian Service of the Jurisdiction shall be members of the Association.

3. The Jurisdictional Deaconess Association shall recommend to the Bureau of Deaconess Work the transfer of Deaconesses to and from its Jurisdiction. It shall also recommend Deaconesses who are eligible for retirement or relief. It shall recommend the renewal of certificates or licenses of Deaconesses annually to the Bureau of Deaconess Work and shall make a report to this Bureau. It shall recommend to the Committee on Candidate Work and Training of the Woman's Division all applicants for Deaconess work.

Annual Conference Deaconess Boards

4. Annual Conference Deaconess Boards shall be set up in all Conferences where five or more Deaconesses are work-

ing; Annual Conference Deaconess Boards may be set up in all Conferences where fewer than five Deaconesses are working. All licensed Deaconesses of the Conference shall be members of the Conference Board. District Superintendents, or effective Elders as alternates, of Districts in which there is Deaconess work, and two representatives of the Conference Society of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and at least one non-Deaconess representative from each Deaconess institution within the bounds of the Conference shall also be members of the Conference Board. It shall approve annually the standing of all Deaconesses within the Conference and report the same to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association.

The Conference Deaconess Board shall have supervision of all Deaconess Work within the bounds of the Conference subject to the approval of the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

Annual Conference Deaconess Boards may employ workers who are not Deaconesses as the needs may demand.

5. The Conference Deaconess Board shall have authority to license Deaconesses who have been recommended by the Bureau of Deaconess Work, approve annually their standing of Deaconesses, arrange for their consecration at the Annual Conference by the presiding Bishop, and transfer Deaconesses from one Annual Conference to another within the Jurisdiction. This provision shall not apply where the Deaconess is otherwise appointed or consecrated. Officers and Committees shall be elected as the needs of the work require. The Conference Deaconess Board shall meet annually.

6. The appointment of Deaconesses to their respective fields of labor shall be made by the Bishop presiding at the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Conference Deaconess Board of the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association.

7. The minutes of the Conference Deaconess Board shall be reported to the Annual Conference for publication in the Conference Journal, to the Jurisdictional Deaconess Association, and to the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

8. All Deaconesses shall receive financial compensation on either an allowance or a salary basis, the minimum of which shall be fixed by the Bureau of Deaconess Work.

The Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service

¶ 1021, Art. 1.—*Name.* There shall be in each Jurisdiction a Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Art. 2.—Function or Authority. Each Jurisdictional Woman's Society shall have authority to promote its work in accordance with the program and policy of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. It shall also recommend to the Woman's Division of Christian Service such plans and policies as would make the work within the Jurisdiction more effective.

Art. 3.—Membership. The Jurisdictional Woman's Society shall be composed of the officers of the Jurisdictional Society and six delegates from each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, within the Jurisdiction, three of whom shall be Conference officers; all the women members of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension and any members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, living within the Jurisdiction, five members at large elected by ballot by the Jurisdictional Woman's Society, and two Bishops chosen by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction. The Secretaries of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension and one Secretary from the Jurisdictional Board of Education may be members of the Jurisdictional Society.

Art. 4.—Officers. Each Jurisdictional Woman's Society shall elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Foreign Work, a Secretary of Home Work, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a Secretary of Education and Cultivation, a Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work. These officers shall be elected at its first meeting following the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conference. Other officers, Superintendents, and Secretaries may be elected and such Committees appointed as the work may demand in accordance with the plans of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. 5.—Election. Officers and the five members at large shall be elected at the first annual meeting of a quadrennium for a term of four years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may continue for a longer period of time.

Art. 6.—Annual Meetings. Each Jurisdictional Woman's Society shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

The Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

¶ 1022. In each Annual Conference, there shall be organized a Conference Woman's Society of Christian Serv-

ice auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Woman's Society and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The District Woman's Society of Christian Service

¶ 1023. There may be a District Woman's Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Conference Society of Christian Service.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Local Church

¶ 1024. There shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every local Church, auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SECTION VII. JOINT DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND CULTIVATION

¶ 1025, *Article 1.* The Joint Division of Education and Cultivation shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six men and two women from the Division of Foreign Missions, elected by that Division; six men and two women from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, elected by that Division; eight women from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, elected by that Division. In all these selections there must be due regard to equitable representation from the Jurisdictions. This Division shall undergird with education and cultivation the total program of the Board.

¶ 1026, *Art. 2.* The Division shall edit, publish, sell, and circulate books, literature, and periodicals for the work of the Board and shall be responsible for editing and preparing the same. It shall co-operate with the Board of Education and all agencies of The Methodist Church and with interdenominational agencies in the preparation and distribution of missionary literature.

¶ 1027, *Art. 3.* The Division shall promote Missionary Councils, Conventions, Institutes, an Annual Week of Prayer, and other meetings throughout the Church for the purpose of developing a missionary spirit, spreading missionary information, and acquainting the Church with the plans and policies of the Board. The Division shall seek the co-operation of Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences, District Superintendents, Pastors, Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church.

¶ 1028, *Art 4.* The Division shall have charge of all plans for cultivating missionary giving, placing missionary specials, and for promoting the missionary program of the Church; *provided*, however, that all such plans shall be

subject to and in harmony with the general financial system of The Methodist Church as adopted by the General Conference.

¶ 1029, *Art. 5.* The Division shall co-operate with the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education.

¶ 1030, *Art. 6.* The Division shall also co-operate with Theological Seminaries and Departments of Missions in the conduct of Missionary Institutes in such institutions, and shall develop other plans for affording missionary information and inspiration to students.

¶ 1031, *Art. 7.* The Woman Secretaries and Woman Editors of this Division shall carry out the plans and policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in promoting organizations for the various age-groups in Local Churches, Districts, Conferences, and Jurisdictions; in providing missionary education for Woman's, Young Woman's, Girl's and Children's Societies; in creating, editing, and publishing such periodicals, books, and leaflets as the work of the societies may necessitate. This Division shall co-operate in all plans necessary for the efficiency of the Woman's Christian Service Societies in the Jurisdictions, Conferences, Districts, and Churches.

¶ 1032. The Division shall nominate for election by the Board its Executive and other Secretaries, and such other officers as the Division may determine. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board on nomination of the Division. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its officers and staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed officers and workers.

¶ 1033. There shall be an annual meeting of the Division and it may meet at such other times as the Chairman may designate.

¶ 1034. The funds for the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation shall be appropriated by the Board and charged proportionately to the three administrative Divisions.

SECTION VIII. COUNCILS

¶ 1035, *Article 1.—Secretarial Council.* There shall be a Secretarial Council, composed of all the Executive Secretaries of the four Divisions of the Board. The Council shall elect its own Chairman annually from the Divisions in rotation, and shall have regular meetings at such time and place as the Council or the Board may determine. It shall be the duty of this Council to recommend plans for the correlation and harmonization of the work of the various Divisions. Each Division shall keep the Council fully informed concerning its activities and plans. The Council shall prepare

items of business for presentation to its four Divisions and to its Committees.

¶ 1036, *Article 2.—Missionary Councils.* (1) There shall be a General Missionary Council composed of the members of the Board and the Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Treasurers, Superintendents, Directors, and other members of the full-time employed staff of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Jurisdictional Boards of Missions and Church Extension, and Annual Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension. This Council shall meet biennially at such time and place as the Board or the Council itself shall determine. The Council shall study and discuss all matters relating to the work of Missions and Church Extension as promoted by the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards; it shall disseminate missionary information and inspiration throughout the Church. (2) There may be a Jurisdictional Missionary Council held within each Jurisdiction on years when the General Missionary Council is not held.

SECTION IX. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER BOARDS AND AGENCIES

A. Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields

¶ 1037. For the purpose of more effectively promoting religious education outside the United States there shall be a Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education and seven other persons appointed by the Division; an Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and three other persons appointed by the Division; and an Executive Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and three other persons appointed by the Division.

¶ 1038. There may be an Executive Secretary of the Joint Committee who shall be Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for Religious Education in countries outside the United States. The Secretary shall be elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension upon nomination of the Joint Committee.

¶ 1039. The Joint Committee shall meet annually, and at such other times as the Committee shall itself determine, and shall make report of its actions to the Boards of Educa-

tion and Missions and Church Extension at their Annual Meetings.

¶ 1040. The Committee shall have a budget for its work provided by the two Boards. The major responsibility for the budget rests upon the Board of Missions and Church Extension, supplemented by support from the Board of Education, in which the World Comradeship Fund shall have a part.

B. Interboard Committee on Missionary Education

¶ 1041. For the purpose of promoting effective co-operation between the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education in missionary education there shall be an Inter-Board Committee between the two Boards, composed of the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the Executive Secretary of the Division of Church School Publications, the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, and five other persons to be appointed by that Board, and an equal number from the Board of Missions and Church Extension which shall include the following: the Secretaries of the Division of Education and Cultivation; two Secretaries from the Division of Foreign Missions, two from the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and two from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, to be nominated by the several Divisions. The Committee shall provide for age-group Sub-Committees and such other Sub-Committees as may be needed. This Committee and its Sub-Committees shall be advisory and creative in character and not promotional and administrative.

¶ 1042. The duties of this Committee shall be: (a) to develop a unified program of missionary education for all age-groups in the local Church and in the Colleges, Universities, and Theological Seminaries; (b) to co-operate with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education in providing missionary information for Church School literature and in the preparation of curricular material on Missions; (c) to co-operate in the publication of books for missionary education in the Church; (d) to develop co-operative plans for the missionary education of children, young people, and adults; and (e) to report annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the Board of Education. The promotion of plans and materials created by this Committee shall be a responsibility of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

¶ 1043. There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Com-

mittee, who shall be elected by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He shall be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Education with staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions and Church Extension having staff relationship to the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation. The Inter-Board Committee shall have a budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In missionary education the Secretary and his departmental workers shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and of the Board of Education.

SECTION X. FUNDS

¶ —. The income of the Divisions of the Board, exclusive of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, shall be derived from appropriations, assessments, or askings distributed to Jurisdictions, Annual Conferences, and Pastoral Charges by the budget-making agency of the General Conference in such manner as the General Conference may prescribe, from Church Schools, gifts, donations, freewill offerings, annuities, bequests, specials, and other sources from which Missionary and Benevolence Funds are usually derived, in harmony with the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and actions of the General Conference.

¶ 1044. Askings shall be received from the fields and budgets prepared by the Division of Foreign Missions and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension in such manner as the Board may prescribe, consistent with its Constitution and its Charter; and this combined budget shall be presented to the budget-making agency of the General Conference. In the allocation of funds to the Division of Foreign Missions and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension the Board shall recognize the principle of equal distribution but only insofar as this provides an equitable basis of division.

¶ 1045. The Board shall not appropriate for the regular maintenance of its work in any one year more money than was received by it for appropriation the previous fiscal year.

SECTION XI. JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS

¶ 1046. The Plan of Union gives the Jurisdictional Conference authority "to establish and constitute Jurisdictional Boards of the Church as the needs may appear." However,

in the interest of uniformity in the several Jurisdictions, it is suggested that the Jurisdictional Conferences give serious consideration to the following:

¶ 1047. The Board shall be composed of the Effective Bishops of the Jurisdiction, the President of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the following representatives from each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction: one District Superintendent, selected by the Cabinet; the Chairman of the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension; the Conference Missionary Secretary; and the members of the General Board residing within the Jurisdiction, who shall be members of the Jurisdictional Board; the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; one young man and one young woman, one of whom is the person responsible for missions and world friendship in the Conference Youth Organization, the Conference Lay Leader, of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction.

¶ 1048. At the first meeting after the Jurisdictional Conference, the Jurisdictional Board shall organize and elect the necessary officers. It may also elect a Secretary, to be confirmed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, who shall promote the policies and plans of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and be its representative in the Jurisdiction. Said Secretary shall co-operate with the representative of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service, in matters of common interest. The Board shall meet annually, at such time and place as it may determine.

¶ 1049. The Jurisdictional Board shall promote the entire program of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, in harmony with the general plans of the Church, and perform such other duties as the Jurisdictional Conference shall determine.

¶ 1050. The budget for the annual meeting and promotional work of the Jurisdictional Board shall be presented annually to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and when approved, shall be provided by that Board.

SECTION XII. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARDS

¶ 1051. The Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be auxiliary to the General Board and the Jurisdictional Conference Board, and shall be composed of the following members elected quadrennially: One or more lay members from each District, and an equal number of ministers; five members at large, nominated by the District Superintendents and elected quadrennially by the

Annual Conference; two young men and two young women, nominated by the Annual Conference Youth Organization and elected annually by the Annual Conference, the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Conference Lay Leader, the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the members of the General Board residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference. The District Superintendents, District Missionary Secretaries, full-time Executives of City Societies, and the Chairman of the Conference Town and Country Commission may be members of the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, at the discretion of the Annual Conference.

¶ 1052. (1) The Board shall elect its own officers, hold its annual meeting at the call of the President, or any three members, on due notice. The transactions of the year shall be reported by the President to the Annual Conference and a detailed statement of all disbursements of Missionary and Church Extension aid within the Conference shall be printed in the Annual Conference Minutes. (2) The Board may hold a mid-year meeting, at which time necessary business may be transacted and open meetings planned for a general and public discussion of all matters pertaining to Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension. (3) The Board shall make nominations in accordance with ¶ 937 for membership on the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

¶ 1053. The officers and three additional members elected by the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board ad interim.

¶ 1054. Education and Cultivation. The Conference Board shall co-operate with the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, especially with the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, in carrying out the policies and promoting all phases of the work of Missions and Church Extension.

(2) District Institutes. There shall be held annually in each District an Institute for promotional and educational purposes in the interest of the work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Joint Division of Education and Cultivation shall co-operate with the District Superintendent and Conference Missionary Secretaries in building the program and promoting these District Missionary Institutes. These Institutes shall be promoted by the District Superintendent in co-operation with the Conference and District Missionary Secretaries and the District Secre-

tary of the Women's Society of Christian Service. They shall deal with the causes, plans, and program of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the circulation of periodical and other literatures. Insofar as possible speakers provided by the General and Jurisdictional Boards may be used for the programs of these Institutes.

(3) Annual Conference Anniversary. The Conference Board shall co-operate with the Annual Conference Program Committee in arranging for an Anniversary at each Conference session, in which the work of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be presented. The President of the Annual Conference Board shall have charge of such Anniversary.

(4) Missionary Societies. (a) The Conference, upon nomination of its Board of Missions and Church Extension, shall elect annually a Conference Missionary Secretary to be publically assigned by the Bishop who shall promote the policies and plans of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and be its representative in the Conference.

(b) There shall be a District Missionary Secretary in each District nominated by the District Superintendent and publicly assigned by the Bishop. He shall work in co-operation with the District Superintendent and Conference Missionary Secretary.

(5) The promotional work of the Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension shall be included in the budget of the Annual Conference Benevolences.

¶ 1055. Home Missions and Church Extension in Annual Conference. (1) The Conference Board shall review, approve, or adjust the askings of the District Superintendents for the maintenance program within the bounds of the Annual Conference before they are presented to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, keeping in mind that, in making final decisions on all askings from the several Annual Conferences, the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension must take into account the comparative missionary needs of each project and its permanent value of service to the entire Church. (2) The Conference Board may estimate annually the amount that may be necessary for the support of Conference Missionary work and also the amount necessary for Conference Church Extension, and shall report both estimates to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. The amount raised on these apportionments shall be administered by the Board and applied respectively to Home Missions and to Church Extension. The work of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference. The Board shall seek to cover all

unoccupied territory in the Conference by the establishment and support of Missions, but Missions shall be established only with the consent of the Bishop in charge and his cabinet. (3) The Conference Board through its Executive Committee or the Section of Church Extension composed of not less than one-third of its members shall administer such funds as shall come into its possession for Church Extension within the Conference provided, that any Conference Board may turn over all its Church Extension funds to the Section of Church Extension of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension to be expended by it within the bounds of the Conference under direction of the Conference Board. (4) The Conference Board shall have authority to loan any part of its Church Extension funds, where the end desired can be accomplished as well as by a loan as by a donation, and the amount loaned shall become a part of the Conference Board Loan Fund, to be administered by the Section of Church Extension of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension on the same terms, conditions, and policies used by the Section of Church Extension of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

SECTION XIII. LOCAL CHURCH BOARDS

¶ 1056. The object of the Board of Missions and Church Extension is to help promote the Kingdom of God throughout the world, by enlisting the active support of every member of the Church, in a study of the needs of the world in definite missionary service, and in regular contributions to the cause of missions and church extension.

¶ 1057. There shall be organized in each local Church a Church Board of Missions and Church Extension, which shall be composed of the Pastor or Pastors, the Educational Director, the general and assistant Superintendents of the Church School, the Missionary Education Counsellor or Counsellors, if such Counsellors are elected by the Church Board of Education, two young people to be elected by the Youth Organizations of the Church, at least two laymen, one of whom shall be a member of the Official Board to be elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference, and at least two laywomen, elected by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Local Church.

In small Churches, the Church Board may be composed of the Pastor, the general Superintendent of the Church School, one young person chosen by the Youth of the Church, one layman who may be a member of the Official Board, and elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference, and one

laywoman elected by the Woman's organization of the Church.

The Pastor shall convene the members of the Board at the first opportunity for organization and for the election of officers. A Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be elected, who shall perform the duties usually assigned to these officers. Such Committees as may be deemed necessary may also be selected. The Board shall be auxiliary to the Conference, Jurisdictional and General Boards of Missions and Church Extension, and shall seek in every way to co-operate with these agencies of the Church in their plans and programs for missionary education and cultivation.

¶ 1058. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the local Church:

1. To co-ordinate all phases of missionary education and cultivation in the local Church.

2. To provide for the diffusion of missionary information and the distribution of missionary literature among the people.

3. To assist the Pastor each year with a School of Missions, into which all members of the Church may be drawn for a week of intensive study.

4. To co-operate with the Superintendents and officers of the Church School in promoting an offering for missions on the fourth Sunday (see ¶ —), and in arranging for missionary programs for each age group in the Church School on the fourth Sunday.

5. To assist the Pastor in plans for raising funds for Missions and Church Extension.

6. To co-operate with the Church Board of Education and Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local Church to develop a missionary-minded Church and sponsor some definite missionary project or projects.

7. To hold monthly meetings to receive reports and recommendations, to study the needs of the congregation for missionary education, and to make plans for the further development of the missionary life and spirit of the local Church.

*Constitution of the Conference Woman's Society of
Christian Service*

Article I.—Name. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Woman's Society and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. II.—Purpose. The purpose of the Conference Wom-

an's Society of Christian Service shall be to plan and direct the work of the Woman's Society within the Conference in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Art. III.—Membership and Officers. The Conference Society shall be composed of auxiliary delegates, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements; a District President, District Secretary, and such other District Officers as the Conference Society shall determine from each District, all Chairmen of Conference Standing Committees; any officer or member of the Woman's Division or of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society residing within the bounds of the Conference, and the following officers: a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Young Woman's and Girl's Work, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Secretary or Vice-President of Missionary Education and Service, a Secretary or Vice-President of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a Secretary of Literature and Publications, a Secretary of Supplies and such other Secretaries of lines of work as may be required.

Art. VI.—Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of the Conference Society when reports shall be received from the Conference officers and from the Districts. Officers shall be elected, the necessary business transacted, and pledges made for the year. There shall be a program of inspiration and information in harmony with the plans and projects of the Jurisdictional Society and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

At the last meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service shall nominate according to instructions in the *Discipline*, the women for Conference representatives to the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service. Three women shall also be nominated for membership on the General Board of Missions and Church Extension. At the annual meeting preceding the Assembly, delegates shall be elected in accordance with the stated membership.

Art. V.—Amendments. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least sixty days before the annual meeting.

District Constitution

Article I.—Name. There may be a District Woman's

Society of Christian Service auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Art. II.—Purpose. The purpose of this District Society shall be to unite all the Societies within the District in an earnest effort for the promotion of the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Art. III.—Membership. All members of Women's Societies of Christian Service in the local churches of — District shall be considered members of this District Society.

Art. IV.—District Officers. The Officers of the District Society shall be a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and such other officers as will best develop and promote the interests of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the District. The District President, District Secretary, and such other District Officers as the Conference Society may determine — shall be members of the Conference Executive Board.

Art. V.—Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of the District Society, when reports shall be received from the Societies in the District, officers elected, necessary business transacted, pledges made by the auxiliaries, and a program of inspiration and information given along the lines of work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Art. VI.—Change in Constitution. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division at least sixty days before the annual meeting.

Constitution of Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Local Church

Art. I.—Name. There shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every local Church, auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Art. II.—Purpose. The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the Church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local Church, improve civic, community, and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local Church and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community.

Art. III.—Membership. A woman may become a member of this Society by giving prayer, service, and an annual contribution of money to the total budget through membership offerings, or dues, pledges or gifts. She shall contribute to, educate for, and promote the threefold program of the women of Methodism.

Art. IV.—Funds. (1) All funds from whatsoever source raised under the auspices of this Society belong to this organization and shall be disbursed only in accord with its Constitution and by its order.

(2) The total budget to be raised and administered by a Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local Church shall include pledges for missions through the regular channels of finance plus the budget for Christian Social Relations and local Church Activities.

(3) All undirected missionary funds shall be divided in the office of the Treasurer of the Woman's Division on the basis to be agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the Treasurer of the Society in the local Church.

(4) The money for Christian Social Relations and local Church activities shall be raised and administered by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local Church.

(5) Each Woman's Society of Christian Service shall make an annual pledge to the total budget adopted by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Provision shall be made for direct pledges for the support of specified objects within the appropriations.

(6) Each Woman's Society of Christian Service shall include in its budget a definite amount for cultivation funds.

Art. V.—Officers and Election. The officers of this Society shall be a President; one or more Vice-Presidents; a Recording Secretary; a Corresponding Secretary; a Treasurer; Vice-Presidents or Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service; Vice-President or Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; a Secretary of Student Work; a Secretary of Young Woman's and Girl's Work; a Secretary of Children's Work; a Secretary of Literature and Publications; a Secretary of Supplies; and such other officers in charge of lines of work as may be required.

These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society held in —.

Art. VI.—Meetings. The Society shall hold one or more meetings during a month for the transaction of its business and for the study of its work.

Art. VII.—Amendments. Proposed amendments to this

constitution shall be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at least sixty days before the annual meetings.

Appreciation to the Study Committee

Resolved, That the General Conference Committee on Missions and Church Extension wish to state that the Report of the so-called Study Committee covering some sixty typewritten pages, and referred to this Committee, has been of the greatest aid and assistance to our Committee in preparing its own Report. We have thoroughly studied their Report and find there has been the necessity of but few changes herein.

Therefore, this Committee does hereby express its sincere appreciation of the able work done by the Study Committee and its efficient Chairman, Dr. Joseph D. Piper, and of Dr. Paul N. Garber for furnishing us with the copies of this Report.

That this Resolution be made a part of our Report to the General Conference.

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 243 (DCA-401), Title: "Reference to Board of Missions and Church Extension," was referred to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, on Monday, May 6, 1940.—Editor. See page 445.

V. COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Chairman, Paul N. Garber (Western North Carolina).

Vice-Chairman, Troy W. Appleby (Ohio).

Secretary, John B. F. Yoak, Jr. (West Virginia).

REPORT NO. 1. A WEEKLY RELIGIOUS PAPER

Calendar No. 31. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 297.

M, 73; P, 59; F, 59

Your Committee has had before it a number of memorials concerning the Church Press, also a report from the Coordinating Committee, found on page 27, April 25, 1940, and the Minority Report, signed by two members of the Committee.

Your Committee recommends:

1. There shall be published by the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church a weekly religious paper known as the *Christian Advocate*.

2. The Board of Publication may issue such editions of the *Christian Advocate* as in its judgment may be deemed advisable.

3. The Board of Publication shall elect an Editor quadrennially, and shall from time to time elect such Associate Editors as may be necessary.

4. The general powers and responsibilities of the Editor and Associates shall be defined by the Board of Publication.

5. There shall be published the *Christian Advocate*, Central Edition, for service in the Central Jurisdiction. Its Editor shall be elected quadrennially from the Central Jurisdiction by the Board of Publication.

6. All other details of the publication of the *Christian Advocate*, and the *Christain Advocate*, Central Edition, shall be directed by the Publishing Agents subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Publication and its Executive Committee.

7. The Board of Publication shall have power to suspend or remove, after hearing, any Editor or Associate Editor for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of his office.

8. In case of a vacancy among the Editors, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Publication for the unexpired term.

REPORT NO. 2. NATIONAL METHODIST PRESS

Calendar No. 32. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 331.

M, 73; P, 67; F, 67

Your Committee has before it requests for continuation of the National Methodist Press.

Your Committee recommends that this be referred to the Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents.

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REPORT NO. 3. PUBLICATION OF SECTIONS OF THE
DISCIPLINE

Calendar No. 33. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 331.

M, 73; P, 67; F, 67

Your Committee has had before it requests for the separate publication of the section of the *Discipline* giving the Historical Statement, and the section of the *Discipline* containing all references to the Local Church.

We recommend that these requests be referred to the Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents.

REPORT NO. 4. THE BALTIMORE PUBLISHING HOUSE

Calendar No. 34. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 73; P, 62; F, 62

The Committee has before it a joint Memorial from the Baltimore and Peninsula Annual Conferences, concerning the continuation of the *Methodist Protestant-Recorder* and the continuation of the sales room at 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, and the distribution of the properties of the Board of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church.

The Committee recommends that any matter of adjustment prayed for in this Memorial and the accompanying papers should, in our judgment, be left to the present Board of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church, in accordance with and under ¶ 1631 of the *Discipline*, 1939.

REPORT NO. 5. RELIGION IN LIFE

Calendar No. 35. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 73; P, 68; F, 68

Following the present ¶ 895, of *Discipline*, 1939, insert the following Paragraph:

The Board of Publication shall provide for the continuation of the quarterly, *Religion in Life*, determine the budget which shall be allowed for its publication, and elect the Managing Editor and such Associate Editor as it may deem advisable.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

REPORT NO. 6. PUBLISHING AGENTS

Calendar No. 36. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 73; P, 68; F, 68

Amend Section 3, Chapter 1, The Methodist Publishing House, by striking out ¶ 907, which reads:

"The Board shall have power to suspend, after hearing, the Publishing Agents or any of the officers created by this Chapter, for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of their offices," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The Board shall have power to suspend, after hearing, and to remove, after hearing, the Publishing Agents or any of the officers created by this Chapter, for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of their office.

REPORT NO. 7. COMMISSION ON RECORDS, FORMS, AND STATISTICAL BLANKS

Calendar No. 156. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 389.

M, 73; P, 52; F, 51; N, 1

Your Committee had before it for consideration a Memorial from the Co-ordinating Committee of the Book Committees and Board of Publication, with the following recommendations:

On Page 275 of the *Discipline*, 1939, following ¶ 920, add the following:

SECTION VIII. COMMISSION ON RECORDS, FORMS, AND STATISTICAL BLANKS

¶ 921. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially a Commission on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks to consist of five members, one of whom shall be the Book Editor, two shall be nominated by the Committee on Temporal Economy and two by the Committee on Conferences. This Commission shall prepare and edit all official statistical blanks and record forms, and record books required for use in The Methodist Church, furnished by the General Administrative Fund for the service of the Church or for sale by the Publishing House except official records for the Local Church School.

All official statistical blanks, record forms and record books which are required to be used in The Methodist Church shall be printed and published by the Methodist Publishing House.

REPORT NO. 8. OFFICIAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

Calendar No. 157. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 389.

M, 73; P, 52; F, 52

Your Committee had before it for consideration a Memorial from the Co-ordinating Committee of the Book Committees and Board of Publication, and after careful consideration recommends the following:

The Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents, through the Book Editor of the Church, are to be responsible for establishing and operating the Official Statistical Office of The Methodist Church. The expenses of operation, including the publishing of the *General Minutes*, shall be borne by the General Administrative Fund.

REPORT NO. 9. EDITOR OF CHURCH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS
Calendar No. 158. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 387.

M, 73; P, 49; F, 49

Your Committee, after conference with the Sub-Committee on the Editorial Division of the Standing Committee on Education, submits the following:

Amend ¶ 1146 in the 1939 *Discipline* to read as follows:

¶ 1146. There shall be an Editor of Church School Publications, elected quadrennially by the Board of Education from nominations of a Joint Committee of the Board of Publication and Editorial Division of the Board of Education, which Committee shall be composed of the President of the Board of Publication, the President of the Board of Education, and two members from the Board of Publication and two members from the Editorial Division of the Board of Education. The election of the Editor of Church School Publications shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Publication. The Editor of Church School Publications shall be the Executive Secretary in charge of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by the same procedure as in the election of the Editor.

REPORT NO. 10. EDITOR OF CHURCH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS
Calendar No. 159. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 387.

M, 73; P, 51; F, 51

Amend ¶ 912 of the 1939 *Discipline* so that it shall read:

¶ 912. There shall be an Editor of Church School Publications, elected quadrennially by the Board of Education from nominations of a Joint Committee of the Board of Publication and Editorial Division of the Board of Education, which Committee shall be composed of the President of the Board of Publication, the President of the Board of Education, and two members from the Board of Publication and two members from the Editorial Division of the Board of Education. The election of the Editor of Church School Publications shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Publication. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by the same procedure as in the election of the Editor.

REPORT NO. 11. EDITOR OF CHURCH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS
Calendar No. 111. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 385.

M, 73; P, 51; F, 51

Amend ¶ 913 of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows: At the end of the first full sentence insert:

In the preparation of books approved by the Curriculum Committee for use in the program of Christian Education he shall consult with the Book Editor.

So that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 913. The Editor of Church School Publications shall be responsible for the preparation of all curriculum materials, including peri-

odicals, undated materials, and books authorized for use in the program of Christian Education. In the preparation of books approved by the Curriculum Committee for use in the program of Christian Education he shall consult with the Book Editor. The circulation of the literature prepared by the Editor of Church School Publications shall be a joint responsibility of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication.

REPORT NO. 12. BOOK EDITOR AND EDITOR OF CHURCH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Calendar No. 112. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 386.

M, 73; P, 51; F, 51

Amend ¶ 911 of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows:

After the word "purposes" appearing in the first sentence insert: "and books approved by the Curriculum Committee to be edited by the Editor of Church School Publications. In the preparation of general textbooks in the field of religious education he shall consult and collaborate with the Editor of Church School Publications."

So that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

¶ 911. The Board of Publication shall elect quadrennially by ballot a Book Editor, who shall edit all the books of our publication, except those issued by other agencies of the Church for promotional purposes, and books approved by the Curriculum Committee to be edited by the Editor of Church School Publications. In the preparation of general textbooks in the field of religious education he shall consult and collaborate with the Editor of Church School Publications. The Book Editor shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Board of Publication.

REPORT NO. 13. THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Calendar No. 113. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 386.

M, 73; P, 51; F, 51

In order that ¶ 914 may be brought into harmony with ¶ 1150 (2) amend ¶ 1150 (2) of the 1939 *Discipline* so that it shall read as follows:

¶ 1150 (2). The Curriculum Committee shall consist of not fewer than eleven nor more than seventeen members of which the Executive Secretaries of the three Divisions, the Book Editor, the Executive Editor of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and the Publishing Agents shall be members. Other members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, who shall give due consideration to the necessity of having on the Committee at least three workers in local churches and other members representing agencies of the Church which use teaching material. The Executive Committee of the Board shall have power to invite other individuals to act as consulting members of the Curriculum Committee without power to vote. The members of the Staffs of the three Divisions of the Board of Education shall be consulting members of the Curriculum Committee without power to vote.

REPORT NO. 14. PUBLICATION OF DISCIPLINE IN SPANISH
Calendar No. 114. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 389.

M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

Your Committee had before it a Memorial requesting the publication of the *Discipline* in Spanish, and asks that this request be referred to the Board of Publication and the (new) Board of Missions and Church Extension.

REPORT NO. 15. A YOUTH PUBLICATION
Calendar No. 115. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 386.

M, 73; P, 57; F, 57

Your Committee had before it a number of Memorials relative to a Youth Publication.

Be it *Resolved*, That we look with favor upon meeting the request for increased service to the youth of our Church by way of a youth publication; that a Committee composed of the Book Editor, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the Editor of Church School Publications, three persons from the new Board of Publication, three persons (one of whom shall be a youth member) from the new Board of Education, to study a youth paper and the possibility of a youth weekly. This Committee shall report to the Board of Publications, which, in turn, shall be authorized to proceed with the setting up of publication, if such should be its judgment.

REPORT NO. 16. PRINTING THE PLAN OF UNION IN
DISCIPLINE
Calendar No. 160. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 387.

M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

Your Committee had before it a Memorial relative to certain omissions in the 1939 *Discipline*.

We recommend that there be printed in the 1940 *Discipline*, The Plan of Union, as found on Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Prospectus of the Discipline of The Methodist Church submitted to the Uniting Conference by the Joint Commission on Unification.

REPORT NO. 17. RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PLAN OF UNION
Calendar No. 161. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 387.

M, 73; P, 52; F, 52

Your Committee had before it a Memorial relative to certain omissions in the 1939 *Discipline*.

We recommend that the fourth recommendation at the end of The Plan of Union, as printed in the Prospectus of the *Discipline*, be referred to the Committee on Interdenomi-

national Relations, to frame such legislation as may be required to make these recommendations effective.

REPORT NO. 18. COMMITTEE ON GOOD LITERATURE

Calendar No. 162. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 388.

M, 73; P, 53; F, 53

Your Committee had before it Memorial No. 686 relative to a Committee on Good Literature.

Amend the *Discipline* by adding a new Section (VIII) to the Chapter on The Methodist Publishing House to read as follows:

There may be in each Church a Committee on Good Literature elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference on nomination of the Nominating Committee, which shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference.

It shall be the duty of the Official Board to call attention to the publication of new books of worth in forming and upbuilding the Christian life, arrange for exhibits of books and pamphlets relating to our work, promote the observance of Bible Sunday, secure subscriptions to the *Christian Advocate*, and promote the use of our publications in our Church Schools.

REPORT NO. 19. MEMORIAL NO. 809. HANDBOOK, PAGES 11 TO 79

Calendar No. 163. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 389.

M, 73; P, 55; F, 55

Your Committee examined the matters referred to above and recommends that the General Conference approve the same, with no further action required.

XI. COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Chairman, J. N. R. Score (Central Texas).

Vice-Chairman, J. S. Ladd Thomas (Philadelphia).

Secretary, Frank D. Slutz (Ohio).

REPORT NO. 1. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

Calendar No. 26. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 326.

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee recommends that the General Conference authorize the Board of Publication to prepare a Manual for Church Membership for The Methodist Church.

REPORT NO. 2. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION ON ORDERS OF WORSHIP, RITUALS AND AIDS IN THE DEEPENING OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Calendar No. 27. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 327.

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee recommends that in accordance with the wishes of the Uniting Conference, the General Conference request that the Council of Bishops nominate, for election by this General Conference of a Commission on Order of Worship, Rituals and Aids for the Deepening of the Spiritual Life; that this Commission be composed of two Bishops from the Council of Bishops and one minister and one lay member from each of the Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church in the United States and six ministers nominated from the Church at large; that the General Administration Fund be authorized to provide for the expenses of the Commission; that the Commission seek to provide orders of Worship and Rituals for The Methodist Church that will draw upon richer and wider sources than those that have been available up to the present time; that the Commission seek to provide aids to the Deepening of the Spiritual Life and that the report of this Commission shall be published in pamphlet form at least six months prior to the 1944 session of the General Conference.

REPORT NO. 3. AN ORDER IN THE RITUAL FOR THE
RECEPTION OF PREPARATORY MEMBERS

Calendar No. 28. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 327.
M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee recommends that the General Conference instruct the Editors of the 1940 *Discipline* to insert in the Ritual an Order for the Reception of Preparatory Members, as it appeared in the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1936, ¶ 1435.

REPORT NO. 4. AMENDING OF THE RITUAL FOR THE
RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Calendar No. 140. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 402.
M, 26; P, 18; F, 18

The Committee recommends that the Ritual for Reception of Members be amended as follows:

¶ 1585, where the word "children" appears, in Line 11, Page 555, an asterisk be inserted after that word referring to a footnote to be placed at the bottom of the page and worded thus:

"The Minister may use the words 'youth' or 'young people' at his discretion in place of the word 'children' throughout this Paragraph."

¶ 1585, Page 556, line 3, omit the words:

"Dear Fathers and Mothers" and substitute the words "Dearly Beloved"; in Line ten (10) omit the words "as parents"; in Lines 15 and 16 omit the words "as fathers and mothers"; on page 557, omit Lines 9 and 10 and substitute for them the following:

"I receive you into the church of Christ and pray God to confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ, Amen."

REPORT NO. 5. NON-CONCURRENCE ON MEMORIALS AND
RE-REFERENCE OF MEMORIALS

Calendar No. 199. Non-Concurrence. M, 26; P, 14; F, 14

The Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship voted non-concurrence on the following memorials: 229, 230, 404, 456, 457, 659, 676, 785, 788, 798, 820.

Memorials No. 517, No. 552 were returned to the Secretary of the General Conference with the request that they be referred to the Committee on Ministry, and Memorial No. 579 was returned to the Secretary of the General Conference with the request that it be referred to the Committee on Education.

Several of these Memorials were not concurred in because they duplicated the contents of Memorials which had already been acted upon by the Committee and included in its reports.

VIII. COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Chairman, Ernest F. Tittle (Rock River).

Vice-Chairman, Fred B. Noble (Florida).

Secretary, Harry Denman (North Alabama).

REPORT No. 1. COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

Calendar No. 40. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 79; P, 63; F, 62; N, 1

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Discipline of the Methodist Church).

PART VII—ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

CHAPTER VIII—COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

¶ 1. There shall be a Commission on World Peace. The Commission shall be composed of two bishops appointed by the Council of Bishops, one minister and one layman from each Jurisdictional Conference elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences and nine members at large appointed by the Council of Bishops. Members of this Commission shall hold office until their successors are duly appointed or elected. The Commission shall be authority to fill vacancies occurring in the elected membership of the Commission during the quadrennium.

¶ 2. It shall be the purpose of the Commission on World Peace to advance the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord through international justice and the spirit of good will throughout the world; to endeavor to create the will to peace, the conditions for peace, and the organization for peace; and, to organize effective action in the Church for the advancement of peace.

¶ 3. The Commission shall meet at such times during the quadrennium as it may deem advisable to give consideration to the program of the Commission.

¶ 4. The work of the Commission on World Peace shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church, the amount to be determined by the General Conference, on recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

¶ 5. The Commission on World Peace shall have authority to elect an Executive Secretary and such Assistants as in

their judgment may be necessary. Vacancies in the staff organization shall be filled by the Commission.

¶ 6. The Jurisdictional Conference may elect a Jurisdictional Committee on World Peace, auxiliary to the General Commission on World Peace.

¶ 7. Each Annual Conference shall elect a Committee on World Peace, auxiliary to the Jurisdictional and to the General Commission on World Peace, to promote the work of world peace within the boundaries of the Conference, and it shall elect its own officers. This Committee shall co-operate and consult with other Committees engaged in educational work within the Conference and shall report each year to the Annual Conference in such manner as the Conference may direct.

¶ 8. Each Local Church shall provide for the promotion of world peace through a Church Committee on World Peace which shall report to the Quarterly Conference.

¶ 9. The Commission on World Peace may establish such advisory or co-operative relationships with the Board of Education, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and other agencies of the Church as may be mutually agreed upon.

REPORT NO. 2. COMMISSION ON WORLD PEACE

Calendar No. 41. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 79; P, 63; F, 62; N, 1

The Commission on World Service and Finance is hereby instructed to appropriate from World Service funds for the World Peace Commission an amount for the ensuing quadrennium that will provide more adequate support for the work of that Commission in this period of world crisis.

REPORT NO. 3. EVANGELISM

Calendar No. 42. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 332.

M, 79; P, 62; F, 61; N, 1

Report to the Committee on the State of the Church by the Sub-Committee on Evangelism.

We respectfully request the Committee on the State of the Church to adopt the following report of the Sub-Committee on Evangelism and to present this same report to the General Conference for adoption in place of Sections One and Two of Chapter Eight of Part Seven of the *Discipline of The Methodist Church of 1939*.

The report follows:

EVANGELISM

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

Section One

1. There shall be a General Conference Commission on Evangelism composed of six Bishops of The Methodist Church, one from each of the Jurisdictions of the Church and elected by the Council of Bishops at the time of the General Conference of the Church; also, one of the Executive Secretaries from each of the following named Boards, viz., The Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and also one member from the Committee on Spiritual Life and Message of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, these representatives to be selected by the respective Boards or Committees; and also, one minister, one layman, one laywoman, and one youth member from each of the Jurisdictions, and elected by the Jurisdictional Conference, and also, six members at large to be elected by the members of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism as previously named in this Paragraph, one of whom shall be an approved evangelist of the church.

2. The Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall be one of the six Bishops selected by the Council of Bishops as members of this Commission and shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops.

3. The Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall make a report and present a program of work for the Commission to the Council of Bishops for their approval at each regular meeting of the Council of Bishops.

4. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall have authority to set up standards for General and Conference Evangelists. The Bishop in charge of an Annual Conference, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, may appoint members of an Annual Conference as General or Approved Evangelists, provided the Conference Commission on Evangelism recommends and the General Conference Commission on Evangelism approves such appointment.

5. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall elect from its membership a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven members including the Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism, the other six members to be selected by the Commission, one from each of the Jurisdictions of the Church.

6. The financial support of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall be derived from the General Benevolence Funds of the Church.

7. The headquarters of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall be determined by the General Conference.

8. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall elect an Executive Secretary, and, on nomination by the Executive Committee, shall elect such Associate Secretaries as may be needed.

9. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall hold an annual meeting and such other meetings as the Commission may deem necessary for the accomplishment of the work.

10. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism is charged with the responsibility of creating an intelligent interest in and passion for Evangelism and of promoting all types and phases of Evangelism among the ministers and laity throughout the entire Church.

11. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall cooperate with the various agencies of the Church in the training of our

ministers for leadership in the field of Evangelism and in creating a literature to serve the cause of Evangelism.

12. The General Conference Commission on Evangelism shall seek to promote the practice of intercession and of family worship and to stimulate the re-enlistment of inactive members of the Church in worship and in Christian Service.

Section Two

13. Each Jurisdictional Conference may have a Commission on Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism in the Jurisdiction in co-operation with the General Conference Commission on Evangelism.

14. Each Jurisdictional Conference Commission on Evangelism shall include in its membership all members of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism who may reside within the bounds of the Jurisdiction. Further organization of the Jurisdictional Conference Commissions on Evangelism shall be left with the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Section Three

15. Each Annual Conference of the Church shall provide for an Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Commission and in co-operation with the Jurisdictional Commission.

16. Each Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall include in its membership the District Superintendents, one pastor and one lay-member from each of the Districts and such members of the Jurisdictional Commission as may reside within the bounds of the Annual Conference, together with such members at large as the Annual Conference may desire.

Section Four

17. Each District of each Annual Conference shall provide a District Commission on Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Commission and in co-operation with the Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism.

18. The District Commission on Evangelism shall include in its membership such members of the Annual Conference Commission as may reside within the bounds of the District, and the District Superintendent, and also, three pastors, three laymen, three laywomen, and three youth members to be elected by the District Conference, or in case no District Conference is held, to be appointed by the District Superintendent.

Section Five

19. Each Pastoral Charge shall provide for a Charge Commission on Evangelism which shall promote the program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Commission and in co-operation with the District Commission.

20. The Charge Commission on Evangelism shall include in its membership such members of the District Commission as may reside within the bounds of the charge, the Pastor, and at least two laymen, two lay-women, two youth members, who shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Charge, or lacking such a Committee, nominated by the Pastor and elected by the Quarterly Conference.

REPORT NO. 4. TEMPERANCE

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Calendar No. 43. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 333.

M, 79; P, 61; F, 61

Amid the confused moral judgments of our age with regard to drinking and the liquor traffic, The Methodist Church lifts the clear voice of the Christian conscience. The teaching of Christ emphasizes as one of its basic principles the sacredness of each human personality. Anything which blights personality is fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Christ. Since alcohol by its very nature harms personality, we stand for the Christian principle of total abstinence. Since human welfare decreases as the drinking of alcohol increases, we stand opposed to the continuation of the organized liquor traffic.

The Methodist Church does not retreat in this trying hour. It has accepted no discharge in the war for a nation free from the domination of legalized liquor. We do not bind ourselves to the trail of moral wreckage across the ages of repeal. Increased crime, social drinking, the open saloon under new dress and name, depressed morals, wrecked homes, debauched youth, mounting traffic tolls, broken pledges and other glaring evils almost without number shout the call for a re-awakened conscience that will meet this crisis. We look to Almighty God for strength to meet this issue.

Protection of its citizens is a function of the State. It is intolerable that any government, through participating in revenues, should be a party to a business which thrives upon the physical, social, moral and spiritual decay of its people.

The Twenty-first Amendment leaves every State free to enact any anti-liquor, local option, or prohibition legislation it may deem wise, free from any enforcement handicap of the Interstate Commerce clause of the Constitution. We urge all Methodists everywhere to promote in all their communities and in the States public sentiment in favor of restrictions and prohibitions of intoxicating liquor by no license campaigns. We also call upon the Congress of the United States to enact proper legislation for the adequate enforcement of the second clause of the Federal Constitution, which is as follows: "The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the U. S. for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquor, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited."

We urge the Congress to enact legislation to prohibit all advertising of intoxicating liquor; we urge the several States to enact legislation forbidding the employment of minors in places serving intoxicating liquor; we protest the Federal Government's part in the liquor business in the Virgin Islands.

Methodism has insisted and does now insist that intoxicating liquor cannot be legalized without sin. Wine through the centuries has not ceased to be a mocker, destroying individuals and blighting society. The legalized liquor traffic is today, as it has always been, an anti-social institution. We indorse the statement in the address of the Council of Bishops to this General Conference of 1940 that "when this traffic appears as a candidate for public favor it does not tell the truth about itself or its aim, that when it wins legal sanction, it does not abide by the legal limitations to which it has agreed, that when it loses legal approval it proceeds by the methods of the outlaw and the gangster. Human values, whether of individuals or society, mean less than nothing to its promoters."

We urge an intensified program of education on this vitally important matter. The truth taught by the Church concerning the physical, moral and social evils of alcohol have been clouded by the falsehoods and cleverness of writers of publicity in magazines and newspapers until millions do not know or realize the danger in all forms of alcoholic beverages. We call upon our churches to cease not in their declaration of the truth concerning liquor until its poison and destruction are clearly in the minds of our people. In doing this, we ask them to use all forms of educational processes and every educational agency of the Church. We must resume our task of leadership against the liquor traffic. We must continue to labor by educational methods until we have effectively outlawed this traffic from our midst. We further urge Methodists to co-operate with and support public school officials in educating our youth as to the nature and effect of alcohol and narcotics.

We commend our Board of Temperance for its ever untiring services in this fight. It is truly the "Voice of Temperance" for the Church. It is most efficiently carrying forward the campaign for a sober nation and proving true to the trust committed to it.

We are not unmindful of the co-operation given by other agencies and commend the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League, and other similar organizations.

We are also cognizant of the fact that across the country

there are newspapers, magazines and broadcasting companies which have refused, and continue to refuse, liquor advertising, which means substantial financial loss. We heartily commend them for their courage in standing by this policy.

In this hour Methodism accepts its responsibility and calls all its members to join the fight. We must continue to press toward the goals of total abstinence for the individual and legal prohibition by the state.

REPORT NO 5. TEMPERANCE

Calendar No. 55. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 348.

M, 79; P, 62; F, 62

It is important to note some movements of opinion of the nation concerning the liquor traffic which have become manifest since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. To allude to just a few of the newer arguments for the traffic, we remark that some of them are so unusual and indeed "queer" as to suggest that the defenders of the traffic are being forced out of the usual channels of argument by an opposition that may not be as articulate as formerly but which day by day becomes more intense. For example, there is the recent professedly scientific attempt at showing that alcohol as a beverage has always been the "friend of man,"—the other attempt to prove that the evils ordinarily attributed to alcoholic drink are not due to the alcohol itself but to what might be called the "accompaniments" of drinking—another argument also to the effect that in times of industrial depression alcohol, in mild quantities preferably, is a relief from mental depression, presumably according to the notes of dwellers in the tropics, that "whisky is the speediest escape for the white man from India or Africa," as the case may be.

Over against these suspiciously extreme utterances is the steadily growing conviction of increasing numbers of citizens, many of whom have not been prohibitionists in sympathy, that the liquor traffic is a business which cannot be allowed to expand by the ordinary laws of business, that on the contrary must be kept under public control. This is in itself commonplace enough, but like many other commonplaces is being realized with fresh force under present social conditions. In other words, there is today increased recognition that the maxim "business is business" cannot be allowed to apply to the liquor business. The ordinary business claims the right to proceed under the law of supply and demand, though this law is admittedly limited in its actual

working. There is growing public sentiment against allowing the liquor business to work under the law of supply and demand, even with the limitations of that law's ordinary processes. The insistence is that there be additional and special limitations both of demand and supply—that the liquor business must not be allowed to expand. Those who are tempted to despair of return to prohibition can take heart from the fact that the trend in public sentiment is in that direction, and that the trend is being justified by careful students of the social harmfulness of the traffic.

Again, we have heard much, and done much in recent years in increasing the social control over the production aspects of economics. Economics has two fields: that of production and that of consumption. Society is insisting on larger control of production, and will continue so to insist. Many who are loud in their insistence that industrial producers of goods shall be hedged about by legal restrictions are equally loud in their demand that in the realm of consumption the individual is to be free to do as he pleases. The consumers of liquor, it would appear from this claim, are a special privileged class who are to be allowed their privileges no matter what the social cost. Now we have had no great sensitiveness about dealing drastically with the privileges of producers when these have conflicted with the public welfare. The argument that some consumers do not abuse their privileges can be met by the truthful avowal that some producers do not, or would not, interfere with the public welfare. The fundamental consideration is the general social good. On that consideration all the arguments against the liquor traffic abide in force. We are not pleading for espionage into a citizen's personal conduct, but we are insisting that the liquor traffic is an anti-social institution, that when it appears as a candidate for public favor it does not tell the truth about itself or its aims, that when it wins legal sanction it does not abide by the legal limitations to which it has agreed, that when it loses legal approval it proceeds by the methods of the outlaw and the gangster. Human values, whether of individuals or society, mean less than nothing to its promoters. Therefore it seems clear to us that it is our duty to labor by genuinely educational methods for such a voting majority as will demand prohibition and make it effective.

(Signed:)

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REPORT NO. 6. PUBLIC MORALS

Calendar No. 44. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 333.

M, 79; P, 55; F, 55

Substitute for Memorial 222.

Amend Sec. 1698, Page 699 of *Discipline* by inserting the following after the first Paragraph:

Recognizing the insidious character of the influences responsible for the increase of crime, we urged that individuals as well as organized units of the Church encourage such positive influences, activities and programs as will promote good citizenship and obedience to law; and further that we encourage a scientific approach to the whole subject of crime with the object of redeeming criminals wherever possible and returning them to positions of respect and trust in society.

REPORT NO. 7. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Calendar No. 51. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 345.

M, 79; P, 46; F, 46

We reaffirm our belief in the divine purpose and plan for the Lord's Day. God ordained the day as a day of rest and worship. Jesus taught that deeds of mercy might be done and matters of emergency might be taken care of on this holy day. The Church cannot compromise with an invasion of the Lord's Day that violates its fundamental principles of worship and rest. The right use of the Lord's Day is not optional but imperative for the Christian conscience. Our Christian civilization is in great peril from the commercialized efforts to pervert the Lord's Day for money making and sensual pleasure, rather than for the spiritual and physical perfection of man.

We deplore the widespread desecration of the Lord's Day now so prevalent in America and the World. We appeal to all our people to honor the Lord's Day and keep it holy as God commands us to do. We call upon our people to consider the infinite blessings of observing the Lord's Day and the

terrible penalties of the violation of the plan and purpose of the Lord's Day as shown by all history. We would stress the vital need of observing the Lord's Day for the safety and progress of Christian civilization.

We should engage in no activities on the Lord's Day that would prevent or hinder in any way the enjoyment of worshipful experience by the individual participating in worship services or others who may be influenced in any way by them; the development of integrated personalities; the development of social solidarity, of proper relations between social groups; the development of understanding, appreciation and good will in the family group; the development of more abundant living—physically, mentally, spiritually.

REPORT NO. 8. AMUSEMENTS

Calendar No. 54. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 347.

M, 79; P, 46; F, 46

We recognize that with the greatly increased amount of leisure time the problem of amusements is intensified. This opens to the Church an opportunity, which, when neglected is being embraced increasingly by commercial agencies.

We look upon recreation as an important social force and while condemnation of that which is clearly evil continues to be needed, our great obligation resides in giving adequate opportunities for wholesome play, for developing new interests and learning leisure time skills.

Recreation in the family aids in holding the family together. Recreation within the Church promotes unity and brotherhood so we call upon our people to emphasize wholesome family and community recreational projects. We urge them to give careful study to the needs of our youth for amusements and plan such as will not only develop their social life but their moral and spiritual life as well.

We feel the Church should provide proper recreation and therefore recommend that the local church through its local Board of Education plan and supervise such a program for the social life of its people.

REPORT NO. 9. PEACE

Calendar No. 91. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 370.

M, 79; P, 57; F, 38; A, 15; N, 4

Substitute for ¶ 1697, Page 698 of *Discipline*.

I

The Church of Christ which transcends races, nations and classes has an all-important contribution to make to the abolition of war and

to the establishment of a just and lasting peace. The Methodist Church, whose representatives are in every part of the earth, must make its full contribution to this great end. Therefore we urge all Methodists to:

1. Recognize the fact that absolute loyalty belongs to God. The Christian is bound to serve his own nation in all ways that are compatible with the Christian faith and the Christian way of life; but his supreme allegiance is due to God whose love embraces all mankind. "It is the duty of the Churches to disentangle patriotism and religion and to teach fearlessly that State and nation belong to the sphere of relative, earthly values. God alone is absolute, and He alone has a claim to our unconditional loyalty."

2. Learn to regard themselves as members of the universal Body of Christ which transcends all divisions of race, nation and class. In time of war, Christians the world around should seek by prayer and by correspondence to maintain their essential fellowship in Christ.

3. Be truly Christian in prayer, in preaching and teaching, and in conversation. For the propaganda of hatred there is no place in the Church. The Christian is bound to love even his enemies and to seek their good.

4. Repent of any desire or temper that is contrary to the mind of Christ. Desiring peace, men may not desire those things which belong to peace. On the contrary, they may desire wealth of an amount that cannot be had except at the sacrifice of the economic welfare of other peoples; they may covet the profits of sales of war-making materials to aggressor nations; or they may desire power that cannot be grasped except at the cost of widespread fear, distrust and smoldering resentment. Few, if any, of us do not harbor some desire that is inimical to the peace of the world. Hence the all-essential first step to peace is the renunciation of desires and tempers that make for war.

5. Guard themselves against prejudice. All human beings are dear to God, the Father of mankind. Anti-semitism is a deadly sin. The Christian should combat it wherever it appears. And he should insist upon just and considerate treatment for members of any religious, racial or political minority. Christians in the United States should recognize the fact that this nation, if it deals justly with its own minorities, will be able to protest with increased power against the mistreatment of minorities in other parts of the world.

6. Bear the burdens of those less fortunate than themselves. Today, this responsibility heavily rests upon Churches in the United States. American Methodists are surely called upon to give sacrificially to relief work in China and in other lands which are now suffering from war or from oppression. Also, American Methodists are called upon to emulate their Jewish brothers and sisters in providing for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, without distinction of race or creed, and in urging the national government to adopt a more liberal policy with respect to the admission of refugees into this country. In particular, we recommend that District Conferences, and, where possible, local churches make themselves responsible for the temporary care and for the eventual rehabilitation of at least one refugee.

7. Seek to create in themselves and in others a true understanding of the causes of war and of all that is involved in the making of peace.

II

Humanity is one, even as it is written "God hath made of one blood all the nations of man to dwell together upon the face of the earth."

The present inter-relatedness of the world mightily confirms Christian faith in one God who is Father of all mankind.

We believe that the United States should remain in a position to preserve democracy within its own borders, to provide relief for war-stricken populations, and to assist in the physical and economic rehabilitation of a war-shattered world. We hold, therefore, that the United States should remain out of the present conflicts in Europe and in the far East. Also, we hold that the United States should assume its full share of responsibility for the creation of a world-order offering security and opportunity to all the peoples of the earth.

1. We urge the government of the United States, in collaboration with the governments of other neutral nations, to preserve in the attempt to secure in Europe and in Asia a negotiated peace consistent with a just and fundamental solution of world problems.

2. We urge the United States, in collaboration with other nations, to undertake the building of a federation of nations through which the will to peace may become effective.

3. We believe that the making of world peace involves the surrender of the claim of absolute national sovereignty. Nations should reserve to themselves the right to determine their own form of government and their own way of life; but they should consent to be guided by some international body in the making of decisions, as regards certain matters of international concern, that are bound to effect for good or for ill the total life of the world.

4. We support the following recommendations of the Washington Conference on World Economic Co-operation convened by the National Peace Conference which call for (a) improving the standards of labor and of agriculture by international agreement as is being done by the International Labor Organization; (b) access to raw materials on equal terms; (c) freer access to markets so that nations may be able to sell that which they best produce in order to have the exchange with which to purchase raw materials; (d) trading on a basis of equality rather than discrimination; (e) currency stabilization and better co-ordination of financial policies; (f) an autonomous International Economic Organization similar in structure and function to the International Labor Organization and which would have as its purposes the easing of economic tension points and the development of a world economy in the interest of peace and justice.

5. Backward peoples of the world should be protected in their rights and be given every possible opportunity to develop to a point where they will be capable of self-government. The mandate principle is sound: colonies should be administered primarily with a view to the welfare of the native population. This principle, we believe, can be made to work only if responsibility for the care of backward peoples be placed in the hands of some International body.

6. The making of world peace unquestionably calls for universal disarmament which, we believe, can be achieved if, but only if, such steps as those indicated above are taken.

III

We endorse the judgment voiced at Oxford by the World Conference of the Universal Christian Council: "Wars, the occasions of war, and all situations which conceal the fact of conflict under the guise of outward peace, are marks of a world to which the Church is charged to proclaim the Gospel of redemption. War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in this world, and a defiance of the righteousness of God

as revealed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. No justification of war must be allowed to conceal or minimize this fact."

Therefore, we stand upon this ground: The Methodist Church, although making no attempt to bind the consciences of its individual members, will not officially endorse, support or participate in war. We insist that the agencies of the Church shall not be used in preparation for war, but in the promulgation of peace. We insist that the buildings of the Church dedicated to the worship of God shall be used for that holy purpose, and not by any agency for the promotion of war.

We have to recognize the fact that there is now no common judgment among Christians as to what a Christian should do when his own nation becomes involved in war. On this issue our own membership is divided. We believe, however, that the Christian Church, in a world torn asunder by bitter conflict, must not permit itself to be divided over any matter as to which it is possible for Christians sincerely to differ. We subscribe to this declaration of the Oxford Conference: "Recognizing that its members are called to live within the secular State or nation, and that in the event of war a conflict of duties is inevitable, it (the Church) should help them to discover God's will, should then honor their conscientious decisions, whether they are led to participate in, or to abstain from, war, and maintain with both alike the full fellowship of the body of Christ. It should call them to repent and to seek together that deliverance from the entangling evil which can be found in Christ alone."

Believing that "in the long run any people have far more to gain by cherishing freedom of conscience than by any regimentation that takes away that freedom" and that conscientious objection to war is a natural outgrowth of Christian desire for peace on earth, we ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church. Those of our members who, as conscientious objectors, seek exemption from military training in schools and colleges or from military service anywhere or at any time have the authority and support of their Church.

We request the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in North America to create a Committee through which Protestant denominations that desire to do so may officially represent the interests of their conscientious objectors before the government of the United States. Also, we request the Federal Council to seek a method by which the spiritual ministry of the Churches to the armed forces of the United States may be performed by ministers appointed and supported by, and amenable to, the Church.

We direct the Secretary of the General Conference to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, and the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

(The Minority Report was not adopted. Editor.)

MINORITY REPORT

We move to substitute, for the Committee's Report No. 9, the following minority report:

I

The Church of Christ which transcends races, nations and classes has an all-important contribution to make to the abolition of war and to the establishment of a just and lasting peace. The Methodist

Church, whose representatives are in every part of the earth, must make its full contribution to this great end. Therefore, we urge all Methodists to:

1. Recognize the fact that absolute loyalty belongs to God. The Christian is bound to serve his own nation in all ways that are compatible with the Christian faith and the Christian way of life; but his supreme allegiance is due to God whose love embraces all mankind. "It is the duty of the churches to disentangle patriotism and religion and to teach fearlessly that state and nation belong to the sphere of relative earthly values. God alone is absolute and he alone has a claim to our unconditional loyalty."

2. Learn to regard themselves as members of the universal Body of Christ which transcends all divisions of race, nation and class. In time of war, Christians the world around should seek by prayer and by correspondence to maintain their essential fellowship in Christ.

3. Be truly Christian in prayer, in preaching and teaching, and in conversation. For the propaganda of hatred there is no place in the Church. The Christian is bound to love even his enemies and to seek their good.

4. Repent of any desire or temper that is contrary to the mind of Christ. Desiring peace, men may not desire those things which belong to peace. On the contrary, they may desire wealth of an amount that cannot be had except at the sacrifice of the economic welfare of other peoples; they may cover the profits of sales of war-making materials to aggressor nations; or they may desire power that cannot be grasped except at the cost of widespread fear, distrust and smouldering resentment. Few, if any, of us do not harbor some desire that is inimical to the peace of the world. Hence the all-essential first step to peace is the renunciation of desires and tempers that make for war.

5. Guard themselves against prejudices. All human beings are dear to God, the Father of mankind. Anti-semitism is a deadly sin. The Christian should combat it wherever it appears. And he should insist upon just and considerate treatment for members of any religious, racial or political minority, Christians in the United States should recognize the fact that this nation, if it deals justly with its own minorities, will be able to protest with increased power against the mistreatment of minorities in other parts of the world.

6. Bear the burdens of those less fortunate than themselves. Today, this responsibility heavily rests upon Churches in the United States. American Methodists are surely called upon to give sacrificially to relief work in China and in other lands which are now suffering from war or from oppression. Also, American Methodists are called upon to emulate their Jewish brothers and sisters in providing for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, without distinction of race or creed, and in urging the national government to adopt a more liberal policy with respect to the admission of refugees into this country. In particular, we recommend that District Conferences, and, where possible, local churches make themselves responsible for the temporary care and for the eventual rehabilitation of at least one refugee.

7. Seek to create in themselves and in others a true understanding of the causes of war and of all that is involved in the making of peace.

II

Humanity is one, even as it is written "God hath made of one blood all the nations of man to dwell together upon the face of the earth." The present inter-relatedness of the world mightily confirms Christian faith in one God who is Father of all mankind.

We believe that the United States should remain in a position to preserve democracy within its own borders, to provide relief for war-stricken populations, and to assist in the physical and economic rehabilitation of a war-shattered world. We hold, therefore, that the United States should remain out of the present conflicts in Europe and in the far East. Also we hold that the United States should assume its full share of responsibility for the creation of a world-order offering security and opportunity to all the peoples of the earth.

1. We urge the government of the United States, in collaboration with the governments of other neutral nations, to persevere in the attempt to secure in Europe and in Asia a negotiated peace consistent with a just and fundamental solution of world problems.

2. We urge the United States, in collaboration with other nations, to undertake the building of a federation of nations through which the will to peace may become effective.

III

We endorse the judgment voiced at Oxford by the World Conference of the Universal Christian Council: "Wars, the occasions of war, and all situations which conceal the fact of conflict under the guise of outward peace, are marks of a world to which the Church is charged to proclaim the Gospel of redemption. War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in this world, and a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. No justification of war must be allowed to conceal or minimize this fact."

Therefore, we stand upon this ground: The Methodist Church, although making no attempt to bind the consciences of its individual members, will not officially endorse, support or participate in aggressive war. We insist that the agencies of the Church shall not be used in preparation for aggressive war, but in the promulgation of peace.

We have to recognize the fact that there is now no common judgment among Christians as to what a Christian should do when his own nation becomes involved in war. On this issue our own membership is divided. We believe, however, that the Christian Church, in a world torn asunder by bitter conflict, must not permit itself to be divided over any matter as to which it is possible for Christians sincerely to differ. We subscribe to this declaration of the Oxford Conference: "Recognizing that its members are called to live within the secular state or nation, and that in the event of war a conflict of duties is inevitable, it (the Church) should help them to discover God's will, should then honor their conscientious decisions, whether they are led to participate in, or to abstain from, war, and maintain with both alike the full fellowship of the body of Christ. It should call them to repent and to seek together that deliverance from the entangling evil which can be found in Christ alone."

Believing that "in the long run any people have far more to gain by cherishing freedom of conscience than by any regimentation that takes away that freedom" and that conscientious objection to war is a natural outgrowth of Christian desire for peace on earth, we ask and claim exemption from all forms of military preparation or service for all conscientious objectors who may be members of The Methodist Church. Those of our members who seek exemption from military training in schools and colleges or from military service anywhere or at any time have the authority and support of their Church.

We request the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in North

America to create a Committee through which Protestant denominations that desire to do so may officially represent the interests of their conscientious objectors before the government of the United States. Also, we request the Federal Council to seek a method by which the spiritual ministry of the Churches to the armed forces of the United States may be performed by ministers appointed and supported by, and amenable to, the Church.

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REPORT NO. 10. CHURCH AND ECONOMICS

Calendar No. 100 Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 401.

M, 79; P, 63; F, 55; A, 6; N, 2

SUBJECT: RE-STATEMENT OF THE SOCIAL CREED

1939 *Discipline*, ¶ 693, Chapter III, Resolutions.

Amend the title by prefacing the word "Our," so that it reads

"OUR SOCIAL CREED"

Delete the sub-title "Religious Position."

¶ 1695. (The first three Paragraphs to remain unchanged.) In the Paragraph numbered 1, ¶ 694, L. 12, insert after the words, "teachings of Jesus," the following sentence: "Jesus taught us to love our neighbors; and because we love them, we seek justice for them." So that the entire Paragraph reads:

1. The Methodist Church aims to view the perplexing times and problems which we face today in the light of the teachings of Jesus. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors; and because we love them, we seek justice for them. We believe that to be silent in the face of need, injustice, and exploitation would be to deny Him.

(¶¶ 2 and 3 on Page 694 to remain unchanged. Delete the sub-title, "Our Social Creed.")

Preceding the Paragraph numbered 1 at the bottom of Page 694, insert the following introductory statement:

"We repent for our blindness for the actual situations which have developed in society; therefore, applying the foregoing principles to the social problems of our day, The Methodist Church declares itself as follows:

In ¶ 1, substitute the word, "We" for the words, "The Methodist Church" in Line 1, and insert the word, "for" in Line 4 before the word "education" and also in Line 5 before the words "proper housing," so that the entire Paragraph reads:

"1. We stand for equal rights and complete justice for all men in

all stations of life; for the protection of both the individual and the family by the single standard of purity; for education for marriage, parenthood, and home-building; for proper housing, proper regulation of marriage, and uniform divorce laws."

In ¶ 2, Page 695, Line 2, insert the word, "for" before the words "adequate provision," so that the Paragraph reads:

"2. We stand for a proper regulation of working conditions for women, especially mothers, and for safe-guarding of their physical and moral environment; for the abolition of child-labor; for adequate provision for the protection, education, spiritual nurture, and wholesome recreation of every child; and for the provision of educational programs which will attain these ends."

In place of the present ¶ 3, Page 695, substitute the following:

"3. We believe that the industrial development which makes possible economic plenty for all, places upon men great moral responsibility in that the spiritual development of great masses of men is now needlessly hindered by poverty. We therefore stand for the abatement and prevention of poverty and the right of all men to live. We believe that it is our Christian duty to do our utmost to provide for all men opportunity to earn an adequate livelihood. Inasmuch as lack of significant employment tends to destroy human self-respect, we believe that workers must be safe-guarded from enforced unemployment."

In place of ¶ 4, Page 695, substitute the following:

"4. We oppose all forms of social, economic and moral waste. We urge the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, from unsafe and unsanitary working conditions, and from occupational diseases."

Insert after ¶ 4 a new Paragraph to be numbered 5:

"5. We believe that we are under obligation as Christians to do all we can to provide training and employment for all our youth. Such training and employment would greatly reduce our serious problem of juvenile delinquency. We, therefore, urge our local churches to provide wholesome activities for all our young people, especially among the poor."

Renumber ¶ 5 on page 695, and the succeeding Paragraphs, so that they become ¶¶ 6 to 20. ¶ 6 shall be the same as the present ¶ 5, in its amended form, as printed in the later editions of the 1939 *Discipline*, so that in Line 2 the third phrase of the Paragraph shall read: "for a fair day's work for a fair day's wage."

Amend ¶ 17, Page 697, so that it becomes ¶ 18, and substitute for ¶ 17 the following statement:

"18. We stand for the right of every individual and group of individuals to believe in and to advocate any peaceful method for the solution of any and all problems that may confront society. We stand upon the single principle of testing every such proposal in the light of the teachings of Jesus."

Amend ¶ 19, Page 697 (renumbered 20), by the addition of the following:

"We further recommend that in every local church there shall be a Committee to encourage the study of our Social Creed and to seek in every possible way to apply its principles." So that the entire Paragraph shall read:

"20. We recommend that this Social Creed be read to our congregations at least once a year or placed in their hands in printed form. We further recommend that in every local church there shall be a Committee to encourage the study of our Social Creed and to seek in every possible way to apply its principles."

REPORT NO. 11. STUDY OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Calendar No. 101. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 461.

M, 79; P, 64; F, 32; A, 29; N, 3

Add as Par. to Item 12 in ¶ 1695.

We recommend a continued and more intensive scientific study by Christians, citizens, governmental agencies and other groups of the punishment of crimes now requiring the death penalty to the end that some method of handling the problem can be found which will protect society and at the same time not offend the sensibility of those who believe capital punishment is contrary to the teachings of Jesus, the Christ.

We urgently urge Christians and our Churches to initiate, co-operate with, and support such studies.

REPORT NO. 12. SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Calendar No. 142. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 427.

M, 79; P, 54; F, 54

The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States was initiated at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in May, 1888. The former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church for many years have been represented on the Board of Managers of the Alliance. It has been the representative of many other denominations for the protection and preservation of the Christian Sabbath. The need for such an organization is imperative. We commend the Alliance for its activity in Sabbath Observance.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Council of Bishops be requested to appoint a Committee consisting of two Ministers and two Laymen to represent The Methodist Church upon the Board of Managers of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, with no financial obligation.

REPORT NO. 13. EVANGELISM

Calendar No. 102. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 401.

M, 79; P, 64; F, 64

EVANGELISM

(To be placed in *Discipline* at the proper place.)

United Methodism is facing the challenge of a world that is spiritually decadent. A successful prosecution of evangelism is a foremost responsibility of the new Church. This is no time for an apologetic, half-hearted appeal to the wills of men for their acceptance of loyalties to God.

It is obvious that the Church must have a way of securing the decisions of men and a way of securing adherents. If this is accomplished the method by which it is done cannot be regarded as of small value. It is through the functioning process of evangelism that these results are acquired.

We rejoice in the unmistakable evidence that the Church is renewing its interest in evangelism. The people of the world are searching for reality. The Methodist Advance led by the Council of Bishops has erected a new goal for evangelism. The results of the work brought by our Commissions on Evangelism promoting city-wide evangelistic campaigns are encouraging. Increasing numbers of our young pastors and laymen are attending institutes in the interest of evangelism. Our Church School literature has reflected renewed interest in evangelism. Confronted however with the fact that a large percentage of our churches are reporting no additions to membership on profession of faith, it is evident that evangelism is grossly neglected.

We therefore call on every church in Methodism to promote annually a program of evangelism, embracing personal visitation, public meetings, educational, pastoral, and clinical evangelism, to reach the unreached, campaigns to make the increasing army of inactive members active, to teach children who are without religious training and to cultivate uncultivated fields. To this end we urge the re-opening of the closed doors of the churches on Sunday evenings. We pledge ourselves to take the gospel of Christ by all available methods to the multitudes who are not in the churches.

REPORT NO. 14. EVANGELISM

Calendar No. 103. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 429.

M, 79; 64; F, 64

We request that the manuscript of the message given by Dr. Edwin Lewis, Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 3:00 be secured and printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

REPORT NO. 15. TEMPERANCE

Calendar No. 104. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 430.

M, 79; P, 62; F, 61; A, 1

In Article 1203 of the *Discipline* in Line one after the word "Pastor" strike out the word "should" and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall."

After the word "school" strike out the remainder of the

Article and insert in lieu thereof "be urged to pledge themselves to total abstinence" so that the article will read:

Each Pastor shall actively promote a vigorous program of temperance education in all departments of his church, or churches, and members of both church and the Church school be urged to pledge themselves to total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.

REPORT No. 16. RELIEF

Calendar No. 143. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 401.

M, 79; P, 66; F, 63; N, 3

This Committee recommends:

1. That the General Conference recognize the Church Committee for China Relief and the five other agencies especially approved by the Federal Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America as our allies in their respective fields, whose work we commend and with which we can gladly co-operate. Those agencies are the Central Bureau for the Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe, dealing with refugees and with evangelical pastors in seven different countries of Central and Southern Europe; the American Committee for Christian Refugees, for assistance, to Christian German refugees; the American Friends Service Committee, for the relief of Polish and Spanish refugees; Foreign Missions Conference, for aid to missionaries and mission stations affected by the displacement of German missionaries; International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., for ministry to prisoners of war and to interned alien civilians in Europe, and such other co-ordinating relief agencies as the Committee named in the following Paragraph may approve.

2. That this Conference create a Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, composed of one Bishop, one other Minister, one Layman and one Lay Woman from each Jurisdiction, to be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the Conference, together with three members elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension and three by the Board of Education; and that this Committee be authorized and empowered to transmit to our Church these appeals for help and to receive and allocate the funds contributed for this purpose by churches or individuals.

3. That wherever community movements for China Relief or for these other agencies have been definitely organized, we urge our Methodist people to participate fully, heartily and sacrificially.

4. That in all other parts of our Church offerings shall be received in every local charge at least once in this year, and that these offerings shall be sent to the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief through the several Boards of Foreign Missions or through the united Board of Missions and Church Extension. These offerings may, if desired, be designated by the donors for any one or more of the agencies listed. The undesignated funds shall be divided by the Committee and distributed to the approved agencies or directly to the various fields, in such ratio as the Committee may from time to time deem wise.

5. That the Self Denial Offering of June 2, 1940, already planned by the Conference, be regarded as but the preparation for, and the beginning of, this sacrificial effort to meet in some measure the human needs of those who, though distant, are still our neighbors.

REPORT NO. 17. PEACE

Calendar No. 105. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 430.

M, 79; P, 64; F, 59; A, 1; N, 4

Whereas, so many nations are now engaged in war, thus creating an emergency threatening the peace of all neutrals,

We find ourselves in agreement with the Council of Bishops in their message concerning war,

We must not yield to the fallacy that the United States must get into the war if it is to serve in establishing a new peace basis. We can best serve by staying out. The mood of either victor or vanquished in war cannot aid peace. Only those who have escaped the blood lust of actual fighting can see a world situation steadily and see it whole.

Therefore, we request the Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and lay leaders together with the Commission on World Peace to devise ways and means to maintain a continuous Christian look at world affairs. Because we anticipate a period of crises due to swift and speedy world events, that will be colored by news reports, we believe that our Peace Commission should have a permanent policy of education by pamphlet, leadership training, and public mass meetings on public and world affairs. This policy should be fact-finding and informing to prepare the Church for action in any emergency. It should co-operate fully with other organizations.

We request our leaders in co-operation with our Peace Commission to devise ways and means to keep the will to peace intelligence vocal and determined to help keep the United States out of war. Because of the critical international situation we urge that a Peace Commission, as authorized in the *Discipline* be created in every church, Conference and District program to the end that peace be made a major objective of the Church.

REPORT NO. 18. CHURCH AND ECONOMICS

Calendar No. 106. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 401.

M, 79; P, 63; F, 61; N, 2

The Uniting Conference sensed the popular desire of The Methodist Church in adopting a basic Social Creed with which to begin the new organization. We do not propose any substantial changes, in expression or underlying purpose. We instruct those in charge of publishing the *Discipline* to include the Social Creed with such revisions as may be adopted from time to time, in all future editions un-

less other directions are received from the General Conference.

Beyond this basic expression of interest in such matters, some utterance naturally is called for from time to time. The Episcopal Address stated the issue in these words: "In the exercise of its prophetic activities in the social sphere the Church has always laid emphasis upon three bases: First, the absolute obligation to good will as between man and man; second, the importance and worth of these relative elements in human contacts which make men and races different from one another—elements which are to be studied scientifically and dealt with according to the noblest social imagination; third, those social and religious factors which make for the larger and better ideals for men and the introduction of the ideals to more and more bases of social activity. It is a sad commentary on the Christianity of any Church if it has to wait on the progress of general social sentiment before it can preach finer ideals of human conduct. In all this realm the Church should seize and keep the initiative."

We would call attention to the fact that the economic problem which determines so largely the environment for the "good life" has not been solved even after a decade of depression. A certain amount of pressure has been relieved by credits, public works, and war orders but the basic problem is still with us. "In the past year production in this country reached the same peak as in 1929, with the difference that in 1939 there were many more millions of the unemployed than in 1929." As Church workers, we know what happens to the bodies, the minds, and the spiritual life of the unemployed and we know the effects upon those to whom the threat of unemployment holds mortal terror. We are not pleading primarily for or against any economic system. We are concerned about the good life for every child of God. Hence we insist that industrial leaders and social engineers meet human need through a scientific mastery of the economic problem. The Kingdom of God is not to be achieved or advanced by any retrogressive policies. We must go forward, The best of the good old days were not good enough for every child of God. We would therefore encourage such experimentation as is the result of careful study and subject to intelligent control for the common good. We refuse to believe the problem to be beyond solution. Probably it will be solved ultimately by some form of social control which we do not now foresee. We believe a civilization capable of such achievements in other fields can also be successful here. We set ourselves to encourage and

co-operate. In the meantime, we would approve the continuation and improvement of such relief methods as will prevent human suffering. We would not have the multitudes sent away hungry.

REPORT NO. 19. OFFICIAL SPEAKERS

Calendar No. 144. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 402.

M, 79; P, 54; F, 54

While we recognize the fact that any minister or layman in our Church may elect to join any federation, society or organization that he may desire, it is important that it be made clear that the General Conference is the only body that can speak for the Church.

We memorialize the General Conference to take action to make this fact clear to all, and thus respectfully request the General Conference to enact ¶ 1466 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Episcopal Church of the General Conference of 1936, Page 669, under the caption "use of the term Methodist" which reads as follows:

"No person, no paper, or organization has the authority to speak officially for The Methodist Church, unless given power to do so by the General Conference, which is the sole body possessing the right so to speak or to authorize others so to speak."

REPORT NO. 20. THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Calendar No. 145. Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 402.

M, 79; P, 54; F, 53; N, 1

After considering several memorials on marriage and divorce we submit the following pronouncements for your consideration, adoption, and incorporation in the *Discipline* under the head of Resolutions immediately following the SOCIAL CREED—¶ 1695.

The home is the foundation of society and vital to the stability of both Church and State. Though ordained of God and the source of so much that is dear to us, the home is suffering from open attack by evil forces, competition with business, and sheer neglect. We are faced with such an alarming increase in divorce, juvenile delinquency, broken lives, and disregard of life's sanctities that the very existence of civilization is threatened. It is imperative therefore that the friends of the home be aroused to action and we make the following pronouncements:

1. Recognizing that the overwhelming amount of juvenile delinquency springs from the psychological blocking and thwarting of the

child in the inadequate home, we believe that it is the birthright of every child to have the emotional security of a stable home, permanently established, with two parents living together and loving each other; we believe that the child should have the safeguard of emotional security and a normal opportunity for self-development in a creative atmosphere, a religious security through spiritual nurture of a Church-centered home, and a program of education which develops a well-rounded personality.

2. Our children desire and have a right to know before adolescence the facts regarding the origin of life and the nature of their personalities as it relates to sex. Parents, if properly instructed, are best fitted to give this assistance, but if they are recreant to this duty then qualified persons in the Church should teach reverently the beautiful truths of life to offset the obscene and all too prevalent misinformation to which our children are exposed.

3. All of our youth camps and institutes should have qualified persons to give counsel on personal problems, and the duties and privileges of Christian partnerships.

4. It is recommended that a regular course of instruction be given in each church to the youth of the late teen-age on the Christian ideal of love, courtship and marriage. There is an increasing supply of scientific, trustworthy and reverent literature that is recommended by the Federal Council of Churches and our own publishing houses for the instruction of youth, parents, and counselors in this field.

5. We are convinced that it takes more than instinct and good intentions to build a happy and enduring Christian home. Not all good people make good husbands, or wives, or parents. It is recommended therefore that courses of instruction for young married couples on home building, income budgeting, child training, life adjustments, and personality problems be given by each Church. Pre-marital and post-marital counseling by trained pastors, supplemented by adequate literature has saved many a home from disaster and its members from heartache and despair.

6. To protect both the individual and society from hasty marriages we favor State and national legislation requiring an interval of at least several days between the application for a license and the granting of it to allow more time for consideration and investigation.

7. We recommend State and national laws requiring a medical examination of both contracting parties and the refusal of a license to those unfitted physically or mentally by heredity or otherwise for the responsible estate of matrimony.

8. We favor uniform marriage and divorce laws.

9. To insure the future of civilization we must save the child. "To save the child you must save the home." To save the home so dear to us, therefore, we pledge our hearty co-operation with every like-minded group that seeks to improve, protect and perpetuate this divine institution.

REPORT NO. 21. ANTI-SEMITISM

Calendar No. 146. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 427.

M, 79; P, 53; F, 53

WHEREAS, In view of the widespread Anti-Semitism in United States, and

WHEREAS, In the Address of the Council of Bishops to the 1940 General Conference of The Methodist Church

there is the statement. "A denomination of eight millions can stand as a bulwark . . . against the racial hatred now manifested in Anti-Semitism."

We, therefore, respectfully memorialize the General Conference of 1940 to adopt the following statement:

Anti-Semitism is one of the banners around which the anti-democratic forces are being rallied in the United States.

We, therefore, call upon our fellow-Christians and our Church organizations to expose the un-Christian character of this propaganda, its nature and its sources, from pulpit and platform and on the air, in printed matter and by the passage of resolutions.

We plead for the triumph of good will toward all races, religious faiths, and minority groups. We pledge ourselves to work for an enlightened and tolerant Americanism. In particular, we charge ourselves with the duty of endeavoring to eliminate race prejudice and race discrimination.

REPORT NO. 22. AGGRESSOR NATIONS

Calendar No. 147. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 429.

M, 79; P, 54; F, 48; A, 5; N, 1

The awful plight of invaded nations appeals not only to the sympathy but to the conscience of mankind.

We urge the members of The Methodist Church to abstain voluntarily from all sales of direct or indirect war materials, the destination of which is clearly to some nation or military force engaged in aggressive warfare.

We urge the government of the United States:

1. To extend such generous credits to such invaded nations as may be deemed possible, the same to be used for civilian relief and for physical and economic rehabilitation.

2. To extend the moral embargo on the shipment of war-making materials so as to include all aggressor nations and so as to include scrap iron, cotton, copper, crude oil, and all other war-making materials as well as machines to manufacture the same.

We recommend legislation requiring the registration of all war-making materials that are shipped out of the country.

3. To insist by every possible diplomatic means upon the maintenance of the territorial integrity of such invaded nations.

REPORT NO. 23. IMMIGRATION

Calendar No. 148. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 430.

M, 79; P, 51; F, 42; A, 6; N, 3

The Methodist Church believes that there should be no

discrimination in the national immigration laws against an individual because of race, color, or creed.

Therefore, we appeal for such modification of the present Immigration Act as will place Orientals on the same quota basis as now governs immigration from European countries.

This is to be printed in the *Discipline*.

Report No. 24, Calendar No. 149 (DCA-295 and 296), Title: "Congressional Investigation," together with a Minority Report, were both withdrawn on Saturday, May 4, 1940, at the request of Ernest F. Tittle, Chairman of the Committee, and with the consent of the Conference. Editor. See page 400.

REPORT NO. 25. NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING MISSION
Calendar No. 150. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 429.

M, 79; P, 54; F, 54

WHEREAS, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its Department of Evangelism, and with the co-operation of the International Council of Christian Education, the Home Mission Councils, the Foreign Mission Conference, and the National Council of Church Women, is sponsoring a National Christian Mission in twenty-two cities and areas, beginning September 29, 1940, and continuing to March 23, 1941, and

WHEREAS, the members of this body feel that this united evangelistic enterprise is both timely and providential in this period of world crisis, and

WHEREAS, our Church desires to assume its full share of responsibilities in all worthy interdenominational enterprises for the evangelizing of our beloved land, therefore

Be it resolved: 1. That we commend the National Christian Mission to our pastors, churches, and official leadership, and urge that they give this far-reaching enterprise their hearty co-operation and support.

2. That wherever possible our congregations join with all other Christians around the world in the observance of a World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 6, as an occasion when all members of the Christian family will be present at the Lord's Table on the same day, and thereby deepen their consciousness of unity, and rededicate themselves to the service of their one Lord.

REPORT NO. 26. BLOCK BOOKING IN MOTION PICTURE
INDUSTRY

Calendar No. 197. Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 429.

M, 79; P, 50; F, 50

We are opposed to the practice of compulsory block booking in the motion picture industry. We believe that this practice is detrimental to the local exhibitor and to the public welfare. We instruct the Secretary of the General Conference to report this action to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the Congress of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman, Marion E. Lazenby (North Alabama).

Secretary, Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio).

REPORT NO. 1

Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 225.

1. E. R. Malone, lay alternate, Alabama Conference, seated in place of O. L. Tompkins.

2. T. C. Casaday, ministerial alternate, Alabama Conference, seated in place of H. M. Andrews.

3. Mrs. D. E. McNorton, lay alternate, East Tennessee Conference, seated in place of M. W. Boyd.

4. Mrs. C. E. Castle, lay alternate, East Oklahoma Conference, seated in place of J. R. Cole, Jr., rest of sessions.

5. C. B. Peeler, lay alternate, Florida Conference, seated in place of Mrs. F. B. Godfrey.

6. Fred T. Mickler, lay alternate, Florida Conference, S. E., seated in place of A. K. Hawkins.

7. G. B. Thompson, ministerial alternate, Indus River Conference, seated in place of J. A. Shubhan.

8. Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, lay alternate, Iowa-Des Moines Conference, seated in place of Mrs. Harry Lauer.

9. C. A. Sweazy, ministerial alternate, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of A. R. Perkins for remainder of this day.

10. V. M. Dubach, lay alternate, Kansas Conference, seated in place of J. C. Gaede.

11. E. L. Walker, lay alternate, Louisiana Conference, seated in place of T. L. James.

12. P. M. Marr, lay alternate, Missouri Conference, seated in place of F. F. Stephens.

13. Haakon, Anderson, lay alternate, Norway Conference, seated in place of Christian Reimers.

14. N. W. Lindsay, ministerial alternate, North Africa Conference, seated in place of E. H. Douglas.

15. W. H. Stewart, ministerial alternate, New York East Conference, seated in place of J. W. Langdale.

16. H. O. Davison, lay alternate, New Mexico Conference, seated in place of C. E. Mead (deceased).

17. Mrs. Isaac Morris, lay alternate, North Alabama Conference, seated in place of R. B. Carr.

18. J. R. Joy, lay alternate, Newark Conference, seated in place of Fred Herrigel.

19. J. W. Segars, ministerial alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of Lester Rumble. April 26th.

20. I. K. Nelson, lay alternate, Northwest India Conference, seated in place of E. M. Phillips.

21. W. W. Youngson, ministerial alternate, Oregon Conference, seated in place of Sydney W. Hall for April 26th.

22. G. T. Morris, lay alternate, South Georgia Conference, seated in place of T. E. Thrasher.

23. Mrs. B. E. Dillon, lay alternate, Southwest Missouri Conference, seated in place of Mrs. O. M. Toppass.

24. Clyde O. Law, lay alternate, West Virginia Conference, seated in place of A. W. Cox.

25. C. D. Baldwin, lay alternate, Maine Conference, seated in place of F. P. Loring.

REPORT NO. 2

Adopted April 27. See Journal, Page 244.

1. Mrs. T. A. Tynes, lay alternate, Holston Conference, seated in place of W. E. Brock for April 26th.

2. Guy O. Carpenter, ministerial Alternate, Indiana Conference, seated in place of W. T. Jones.

3. O. B. Crockett, ministerial alternate, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of S. C. Rice for recess until adjournment—April 26th.

4. W. G. Cram, ministerial alternate, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of Edward W. Edlemaier for part of day—from recess until adjournment.

5. Edward W. Edlemaier, ministerial principal, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of W. G. Cram for April 25th.

6. Albert R. Perkins, ministerial principal, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of C. A. Sweazy for April 25th.

7. K. L. Spore, ministerial alternate, Little Rock Conference, seated in place of Clem Baker for April 25th.

8. Clem Baker, ministerial principal, Little Rock Conference, seated in place of K. L. Spore.

9. H. A. Sprague, ministerial principal, Louisville Conference, previously absent, present at Thursday session.

10. Samuel H. Clark, lay alternate, Newark Conference, seated in place of Fred Herrigel.

11. F. W. Stacy, ministerial alternate, New York Conference, seated in place of Allan McRossie, deceased, for entire session.

12. Mrs. E. L. Hillman, lay alternate, North Carolina Conference, seated in place of Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon.

13. R. L. Russell, ministerial alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of E. C. Dewey for April 27th only.

14. W. Angie Smith, ministerial alternate, North Texas Conference, seated in place of H. G. Ryan for April 26th.

15. Tien-Lu-Li, ministerial alternate, Shantung Conference, seated in place of H. H. Tsui.

16. J. W. Shackford, ministerial alternate, Upper South Carolina Conference, seated in place of W. B. Garrett.

17. A. J. Mitchell, ministerial alternate, Washington Conference, seated in place of R. M. Williams for Saturday only.

REPORT NO. 3

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 256.

1. Samuel C. Rice, ministerial principal, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of O. B. Crockett, April 26, 1940.

2. W. V. Cropper, ministerial alternate, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of A. R. Perkins, April 27, 1940.

3. A. R. Perkins, ministerial principal, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of W. V. Cropper, April 27, 1940.

4. Mrs. L. A. Tynes, lay alternate, Holston Conference, seated in place of W. E. Brock, for remainder of session.

5. H. R. Pierson, lay alternate, Indiana Conference, seated in place of R. D. Everson.

6. K. L. Spore, ministerial alternate, Little Rock Conference, seated in place of Leland Clegg, for morning session only, April 27, 1940.

7. J. D. Randolph, ministerial alternate, Missouri Conference, seated in place of Frank C. Tucker, April 27, 1940, only.

8. L. W. C. Emig, ministerial alternate, New England Conference, seated in place of D. L. Marsh, April 24, 1940, only.

9. J. W. Segars, ministerial alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of M. M. Maxwell, April 25, 1940, only.

10. Judson J. McKim, lay alternate, Ohio Conference, seated in place of T. W. Appleby, April 27, 1940, only.

11. J. W. Hawley, ministerial alternate, Pittsburgh Conference, seated in place of W. K. Anderson, April 27, 1940, only.

12. Willsie Martin, ministerial principal, Southern California-Arizona Conference, previously absent, present April 25, 1940.

REPORT No. 4

Adopted April 30. See Journal, Page 277.

1. Mrs. Harry Lauer, Iowa-Des Moines Conference, lay principal, resumed seat at the April 29 session, replacing Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth seated April 24th.

2. Leland Clegg, Little Rock Conference, ministerial principal, resumed seat at the April 29 session, replacing K. L. Spore, seated April 27th.

3. W. O. Hawkins, North-East Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of E. R. Brown for April 29, evening session only.

4. W. C. House, Northwest Texas Conference, ministerial alternate in place of O. P. Clark for remainder of session.

5. H. G. Ryan, North Texas Conference, ministerial principal, resumed seat at the April 27 session, replacing W. Angie Smith, seated April 26th.

6. C. E. Turley, Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of A. G. Schatzman for Tuesday, April 30th session.

7. W. B. Garrett, Upper South Carolina Conference, ministerial principal, resumed seat at the April 27 session, replacing J. W. Shackford, seated April 26th.

8. R. M. Williams, Washington Conference, ministerial principal, resumed seat at the April 29 session, replacing A. J. Mitchell, seated April 27th.

9. J. E. Lambeth, Western North Carolina Conference lay alternate in place of E. A. Cole for remainder of session, beginning on Monday, April 29th.

REPORT No. 5

Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 290.

1. R. B. Spencer, lay principal, Colorado Conference, excused for remainder of session, effective May 1, 1940.

2. John P. Bengston, lay alternate, Eastern Swedish Conference, seated in place of S. E. Stromberg, remainder of session, effective, May 1.

3. R. E. Greer, ministerial alternate, Holston Conference, seated in place of J. A. Bays, April 30 only.

4. W. T. Jones, ministerial principal, Indiana Conference, resumes seat May 1 session in place of Guy O. Carpenter, seated April 26.

5. Mrs. C. A. Krill, lay alternate, Michigan Conference, seated in place of L. D. Dickinson, for remaining sessions.

6. Christian F. Reisner, ministerial alternate, New York Conference, seated in place of Ralph W. Sockman, for April 29 only.

7. J. S. Chadwick, ministerial alternate, North Alabama Conference, seated in place of J. S. Eddins, for April 30 only, courtesy seating.

8. F. K. Gamble, ministerial alternate, North Alabama Conference, seated in place of G. M. Davenport, for April 30 only, courtesy seating.

9. Miss Bert Winter, lay alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of Smith Johnson, Tuesday evening, April 29.

10. Mrs. M. E. Tilly, lay alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of N. G. Slaughter, Tuesday, April 30, only.

11. Hubert Quillian, lay alternate, North Georgia Conference, seated in place of Jere Wells, remainder of conference.

12. Roy L. Sprague, ministerial alternate, Pacific Northwest Conference, seated in place of Charles MacCaughey, Wednesday, May 1, only, courtesy seating.

13. Ernest F. Harold, ministerial alternate, Pacific Northwest Conference, seated in place of Wilbur M. Snyder, for Wednesday, May 1, only, courtesy seating.

14. James A. James, lay alternate, Rock River Conference, seated in place of Charles O. Loucks for April 30.

15. J. L. Corley, Ministerial Alternate, Southern California-Arizona Conference, seated in place of George A. Warmer, April 29 only, courtesy seating.

16. Charles A. Nowlen, ministerial alternate, Wyoming State Conference, seated in place of Roy O. Hills, April 30 and May 1 only.

REPORT NO. 6

Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 313.

1. F. Lamont Henninger, Central Pennsylvania Conference, ministerial alternate in place of J. E. Skillington for P.M. session of May 2.

2. J. E. Skillington, Central Pennsylvania Conference, ministerial principal, resumes seat at the May 3 session, replacing F. Lamont Henninger, seated P.M. May 2.

3. L. B. Yale, Erie Conference, lay alternate in place of Leo H. McKay for remainder of session, effective May 3.

4. J. E. Milburn, Holston Conference, ministerial alternate in place of J. A. Bays for May 2, morning session only.

5. John Branscomb, Florida Conference, ministerial alternate in place of Henry W. Blackburn for May 1 session, morning only.

6. Henry W. Blackburn, Florida Conference, ministerial

principal, resumes seat at this session, replacing John Branscomb, seated May 1.

7. S. Allen Clark, Florida Conference, lay delegate, excused May 1.

8. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Louisville Conference, lay alternate in place of J. L. Harman, for May 1 session. Courtesy seating.

9. P. M. Marr, Missouri Conference lay delegate, is excused from attending the remaining sessions of the Conference. Effective May 2.

10. Mrs. Anna B. Wuerker, Newark Conference, lay alternate in place of Sam H. Clark for remainder of session, effective May 1.

11. J. D. Green, North-East Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of O. T. Olson for morning session, after recess, May 2. Courtesy seating.

12. John Clark Williams, Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of Donald Timerman for morning session only, May 2. Courtesy seating.

13. J. M. Versteeg, Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of S. W. Rosenberger for morning session only. Courtesy seating.

14. F. B. McIntosh, Ohio Conference, ministerial alternate in place of C. M. Coulter for May 1 session only.

15. Warren N. Clark, Rock River Conference, ministerial alternate in place of Horace G. Smith for morning session only of May 1.

16. J. A. James, Rock River Conference, lay alternate in place of C. O. Loucks for morning session only of May 1.

17. J. S. Scott, Texas (Central) Conference, ministerial alternate in place of W. J. King for rest of session, effective May 1.

18. Edgar A. Love, Washington Conference, ministerial alternate in place of W. A. C. Hughes for Wednesday morning session only.

19. W. H. Worth, Western North Carolina Conference, lay alternate in place of J. E. Lambeth for remainder of session, effective May 1.

20. Miss Tillie Thorkelson, Wisconsin Conference, lay alternate in place of G. O. Banting for remainder of session, effective May 2.

21. Roy O. Hills, Wyoming State Conference, ministerial principal, resumes seat at May 1, P.M. session, replacing Charles A. Nowlen, seated April 30.

22. O. P. Clark, Northwest Texas Conference, ministerial delegate, was absent one day only, April 29.

REPORT NO. 7

Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 313.

1. L. B. Jewett, ministerial alternate, Delaware Conference, in place of D. W. Henry, Thursday only.

2. L. J. Thompson, lay alternate, Genesee Conference, not present May 1 and 2.

3. W. F. Crossland, ministerial alternate, Genesee Conference, in place of G. C. Weaver, April 30 only.

4. J. N. Hillman, lay principal, Holston Conference, excused after May 4.

5. Mrs. J. W. Perry, lay alternate, Holston Conference, in place of C. C. Sherrod for remainder of session, effective May 4.

6. J. L. Harman, lay principal, Louisville Conference, resumes seat at the May 1 session, replacing Mrs. A. C. Johnson, seated Wednesday.

7. Mrs. W. H. Veenboer, lay alternate, Michigan Conference, in place of Smith Burnham, Friday, May 3, session only.

8. T. McM. Grant, ministerial principal, North Carolina Conference, excused after May 4.

9. Wm. W. Reid, lay alternate, New York, East, in place of Harry N. Holmes, May 2 P.M. and May 3 only. Courtesy.

10. W. M. Harris, ministerial alternate, North Alabama Conference, in place of M. M. Davidson, May 2 A.M. Courtesy.

11. Geo. W. Pyles, ministerial alternate, North Arkansas Conference, in place of Connor Morehead, May 2 only.

12. George O. Parish, ministerial alternate, North Dakota Conference, in place of Leslie R. Burgum, Thursday only.

13. Leslie R. Burgum, ministerial principal, North Dakota Conference, resumes seat at the Friday A.M. session, replacing Geo. Parish, seated May 2.

14. Abbott L. Fletcher, lay principal, Northern Minnesota Conference, excused after Saturday.

15. W. C. House, ministerial alternate, Northwest Texas Conference, in place of J. O. Haynes for May 2 A.M. only. Courtesy seating.

16. Mrs. M. C. Slutes, lay alternate, Ohio Conference, in place of Mrs. C. C. Long, May 2 A.M. only. Courtesy seating.

17. Charles MacCaughey, ministerial principal, Pacific Northwest Conference, resumes seat at this session, replacing Roy Sprague, seated May 1.

18. Wilbur M. Snyder, ministerial principal, Pacific Northwest Conference, resumes seat at this session, replacing Ernest Harold, seated May 1.

19. Chas. P. Howe, lay alternate, Pittsburgh Conference, in place of J. C. McQueston, remainder of session effective May 2.

20. E. L. McCoy, ministerial alternate, South Carolina Conference, in place of J. Emerson Ford for portion of A.M. May 1. Courtesy.

21. J. Emerson Ford, ministerial principal, South Carolina Conference, resumes seat at this session, replacing E. L. McCoy, seated May 1.

22. Frank H. Ryder, lay principal, Troy Conference, excused after Saturday evening session, May 4.

23. C. P. Hammond, lay alternate, Upper South Carolina Conference, in place of W. D. Roberts, for remainder of session beginning May 2 at morning session.

24. W. H. Worth, lay alternate, Western North Carolina Conference, in place of J. E. Lambeth, for remainder of session effective May 2.

25. James J. Davis, Ministerial Alternate, N. W. Iowa Conference, in place of Earl Roadman, for May 3.

REPORT NO. 8

Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 336.

1. Zebulon Judd, lay principal, Alabama Conference, excused from attending sessions after May 4.

2. C. M. Dannelly, lay principal, Alabama Conference, excused after session of May 4.

3. C. E. Rarick, lay principal, Central Kansas Conference, excused after May 3.

4. Hugh Harrison, lay principal, Detroit Conference, excused after May 4.

5. Paul G. Halmhuber, lay principal, Detroit Conference, excused after May 5.

6. W. F. Crossland, ministerial alternate, Genesee Conference, in place of G. C. Weaver, Tuesday, April 30, was a courtesy seating only. (Correction.)

7. Mrs. J. W. Perry, lay alternate, Holston Conference, in place of J. N. Hillman, for remainder of session, effective following the afternoon session May 4.

8. F. H. Trotter, lay alternate, Holston Conference, in place of C. C. Sherrod for evening session May 3, and continue for remainder of session.

9. J. A. Bays, ministerial principal, Holston Conference, resumes seat at this session, replacing J. E. Milburn, seated May 2.

10. J. A. Bays, ministerial principal, Holston Conference, resumed seat at the session, replacing R. E. Greer, seated April 30, May 1.

11. C. O. Holland, lay principal, Louisiana Conference, excused after May 4.

12. E. L. Walker, lay alternate, Louisiana Conference, excused after May 3.

13. Smith Burnham, lay principal, Michigan Conference, resumes seat at May 4 session, replacing Mrs. W. R. Veenboor, seated Friday, May 3.

14. B. M. Stevens, lay principal, Mississippi Conference, excused after May 3.

15. N. W. Williamson, lay principal, Mississippi Conference, excused after May 3.

16. B. L. Sutherland, ministerial principal, Mississippi Conference, excused after May 3.

17. N. W. Lindsay, ministerial alternate, North Africa Conference, in place of Elmer H. Douglas, April 24-25.

18. Elmer H. Douglas, ministerial principal, North Africa Conference, resumed seat at the April 26 session, replacing N. W. Lindsay, seated April 24.

19. A. N. Kirby, lay principal, North Alabama Conference, excused after May 2.

20. E. C. Watson, lay principal, North Alabama Conference, excused after May 2.

21. Connor Morehead, ministerial principal, North Arkansas Conference, resumes seat at the May 3 session, replacing George W. Pyles, seated May 2.

22. H. W. Courtney, ministerial alternate, North-East Ohio Conference, in place of R. I. Farmer for May 3, P.M. session only. Courtesy seating.

23. E. H. Mohn, ministerial alternate, North-East Ohio Conference, in place of M. W. McQueen, for May 2, P.M. session only. Courtesy seating.

24. Hurbert Quillian, lay alternate, North Georgia Conference, excused after A.M., May 3.

25. J. M. Willson, lay principal, Northwest Texas Conference, excused after May 3.

26. R. H. Nichols, lay principal, Northwest Texas Conference, excused for remainder of session, effective May 2.

27. A. D. Rowell, lay alternate, New York Conference, in place of J. H. Westerman, May 3 and 4 only.

28. R. B. Foster, ministerial alternate, Ohio Conference, in place of J. P. Simmonds, for afternoon session Friday, May 3.

29. J. C. Guilds, lay principal, South Carolina Con-

ference, is excused from serving after morning session of May 3.

30. J. F. Rawls, lay alternate, Tennessee Conference, in place of W. O. Batts, for remainder of session, effective May 4.

31. T. E. Acker, lay principal, Texas Conference, excused after May 4.

32. B. L. Fisher, lay principal, Virginia Conference, excused after May 3.

33. E. H. Nease, ministerial alternate, Western North Carolina Conference, in place of J. B. Craven, afternoon session of May 2 only.

34. Mrs. B. B. Wedemeyer, lay alternate, Central Texas Conference, in place of Mrs. G. J. Bryan, for May 3.

35. E. R. Malone, lay alternate, Alabama Conference, excused after May 4.

36. J. M. Williams, ministerial alternate, Central Pennsylvania Conference, in place of E. R. Heckman, May 3, P.M. only. Courtesy.

37. Mrs. G. J. Bryan, lay principal, Central Texas Conference, resumes seat at May 4, A.M. session, replacing Mrs. B. B. Wedemeyer seated May 3, P.M.

38. Christian F. Reisner, ministerial alternate, New York Conference, in place of Ralph W. Sockman, May 3 and 4.

39. N. G. Slaughter, lay principal, North Georgia Conference, excused after May 5.

40. Mrs. Isaac Morris, lay alternate, North Alabama Conference, excused after May 4.

41. Gibson Caldwell, lay principal, North Texas Conference, excused May 3.

42. Charles A. Stuck, lay principal, North Arkansas, releases seat at session after Saturday, May 4.

43. C. D. Whitton, ministerial alternate, New Jersey Conference, in place of Leon Chamberlin, for May 4, A.M. Courtesy.

44. Leon Chamberlin, ministerial principal, New Jersey Conference, resumes seat at the P.M. May 4 session, replacing C. D. Whitton, seated May 4, A.M.

45. D. H. Hall, lay principal, North Mississippi Conference, excused after May 4.

46. J. M. Forman, lay principal, North Mississippi Conference, excused after May 4.

47. J. G. Houston, lay principal, North Mississippi Conference, excused after May 4.

48. Mrs. W. E. Tilley, lay alternate, North Georgia Conference, in place of Hubert Quillian, May 4 and remainder of session.

49. J. J. Davies, ministerial alternate, Northwest Iowa Conference, in place of Earl A. Roadman, Saturday, May 4, session. Courtesy seating.

50. J. I. Dolliver, lay principal, Northwest Iowa Conference, excused after May 4.

51. Carl Hollis, lay principal, Little Rock Conference, excused after May 3.

52. C. A. Overstreet, lay principal, Little Rock Conference, excused after May 4.

53. Leland Clegg, ministerial principal, Little Rock Conference, excused after May 4.

54. F. N. Parker, ministerial principal, Louisiana Conference, excused after May 4, A.M.

55. M. R. Mobley, lay principal, South Carolina Conference, excused after May 4.

56. Wade H. Coleman, lay principal, West Virginia Conference, excused after May 4.

57. George W. Bright, lay principal, West Virginia Conference, excused after May 4.

58. E. H. Nease, ministerial alternate, Western North Carolina, in place of Paul N. Garber, afternoon of May 3 only.

59. J. B. Craven, ministerial principal, Western North Carolina Conference, resumes seat at session, replacing E. H. Nease, seated for afternoon of May 2.

60. Mrs. C. C. Weaver, lay alternate, Western North Carolina, in place of A. J. Kirby for remainder of session, beginning May 4.

61. L. L. Gobbel, lay principal, Western North Carolina, excused May 4.

62. A. J. Kirby, lay principal, Western North Carolina Conference, excused May 3.

63. Carl S. McFall, lay principal, West Oklahoma Conference, excused after May 4.

64. H. M. Snyder, lay principal, Upper South Carolina Conference, excused after May 4.

REPORT No. 9

Adopted May 4. See Journal, Page 381.

1. Harry Evalul, ministerial alternate, Baltimore Conference, seated in place of F. G. Holloway, May 4, 1940, sessions only. Courtesy seating.

2. J. D. Crummey, California Conference, lay principal, excused after May 4 A.M. session.

3. Mrs. I. C. Wedemeyer, lay alternate, Central Texas Conference, seated in place of Mrs. Gid J. Bryan for May 3,

afternoon and night sessions. Mrs. Gid J. Bryan, lay principal, Central Texas Conference, is present at this May 4 session.

4. C. W. Bell, lay alternate, Central Pennsylvania Conference, seated in place of V. M. Frey, May 4, P.M. only, courtesy.

5. L. J. Simpson, lay principal, Genesee Conference, excused after May 1.

6. H. M. Zimmerman, lay principal, Kentucky Conference, excused after May 4.

7. M. C. Redwine, lay alternate, Kentucky Conference, seated in place of J. T. Morgan, May 4 P.M. session.

8. H. H. White, Louisiana Conference, lay principal, excused after May 5 session.

9. Wm. W. Reid, lay alternate, New York East Conference, seated in place of Harry N. Holmes, for all Saturday, May 4, session only.

10. J. W. Chasey, ministerial principal, New York Conference, excused after May 4 session.

11. B. L. Ingram, lay principal, North Alabama Conference, excused after May 4 session.

12. John G. Moore, lay principal, North Arkansas Conference, excused after May 4 session.

13. George O. Parish, ministerial alternate, North Dakota Conference, seated in place of Leslie R. Burgum for May 4 P.M. session only.

14. M. M. Maxwell, ministerial principal, North Georgia Conference, excused after May 5 session.

15. S. E. Garth, ministerial alternate, North-East Ohio Conference, seated in place of M. W. McQueen for May 4 A.M. session only. Courtesy.

16. T. J. Lance, lay principal, North Georgia Conference, excused after May 4 session.

17. Jerome C. Hixson, lay principal, Northwest Indiana Conference, excused after May 4 session.

18. James J. Davis, ministerial alternate, Northwest Iowa Conference, seated in place of Earl Roadman for May 4 sessions only. Courtesy seating.

19. R. B. Bryant, lay principal, Northwest Texas Conference, excused after May 4 session.

20. D. P. Yoder, lay principal, Northwest Texas Conference, excused after May 4 session.

21. W. C. House, ministerial alternate, Northwest Texas Conference, seated in place of W. M. Pearce, for May 3 evening session only. Courtesy seating.

22. T. W. Appleby, lay principal, Ohio Conference, excused after May 4 session.

23. S. W. Rosenberger, ministerial principal, Ohio Conference, excused after May 4 session.

24. J. M. Versteeg, ministerial alternate, Ohio Conference, seated in place of S. M. Rosenberger, for balance of Conference session, beginning with afternoon session, Saturday, May 4.

25. Mrs. M. C. Slutes, lay alternate, Ohio Conference, seated in place of T. W. Appleby, for remaining sessions of this General Conference, beginning Saturday afternoon, May 4.

26. Eusebio M. Manuel, ministerial alternate, Philippine Conference, seated in place of Arcadio de Ocera for May 3 P.M. session only.

27. G. T. Morris, lay alternate, South Georgia Conference, excused after the A.M. session May 4.

28. W. J. King, ministerial principal, Texas Conference (Central), seated in place of M. W. Dogan for Saturday sessions. Courtesy.

29. C. P. Hammond, lay alternate, Upper South Carolina Conference, excused after May 4 session.

30. Wm. R. Phelps, lay principal, Virginia Conference, excused after May 4 session.

31. R. L. Brewer, Jr., lay principal, Virginia Conference, excused after May 5 session.

32. Mrs. C. C. Weaver, lay alternate, Western North Carolina Conference, seated in place of A. J. Kirby for May 3, P.M. session to end of General Conference. This request to amend his request previously made.

33. W. M. Vickery, lay principal, West Oklahoma Conference, excused after May 3 session.

34. Harry Shaw, lay principal, West Virginia Conference, excused after May 4 session.

35. H. T. Jones, lay principal, West Virginia Conference, excused after May 4 session.

36. Paul F. Evans, ministerial principal, Western North Carolina Conference, excused after May 4 session.

37. Paul N. Garber, ministerial principal, Western North Carolina Conference, resumed seat at night session of May 3, replacing E. H. Nease, seated for afternoon of May 3 only.

REPORT NO. 10

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 461.

1. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, lay alternate, Louisville Conference, in place of J. H. Dickey, for afternoon session of May 4.

2. Mrs. H. M. Le Sourd, lay alternate, New England

Conference, in place of Stanley O. MacMullen, for remainder of session.

3. C. P. Barnes, ministerial alternate, North-East Ohio Conference, in place of H. E. Stout, May 4, afternoon. Courtesy.

4. Mrs. Foss Zartman, lay alternate, Ohio Conference, in place of Mrs. M. C. Slutz, Monday, May 6.

5. R. L. Tucker, ministerial alternate, Ohio Conference, in place of A. G. Schatzman, Monday afternoon, May 6. Courtesy.

6. R. L. Sprague, ministerial alternate, Pacific Northwest Conference, in place of Charles MacCaughey, May 4, afternoon only.

7. T. P. Potter, ministerial alternate, Upper Iowa Conference, in place of John B. Magee, May 6.

8. A. W. Wasson, ministerial alternate, North Arkansas Conference, in place of J. Q. Schisler, May 6 only. Courtesy.

9. Christian F. Reisner, ministerial alternate, New York Conference, in place of J. W. Chasey, May 6 only.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chairman, J. Edgar Skillington (Central Pennsylvania).
Secretary, Costen J. Harrell (Tennessee).

REPORT NO. 1

Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 227.

The Conference on yesterday, April 25, permitted the withdrawal from consideration the paragraph in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order creating a Sifting Committee and defining the duties thereof, and referred the same to the Committee on Rules for reconsideration and report to the Conference.

Your Committee on Rules unanimously recommends that the paragraph dealing with the Sifting Committee (Handbook, page 154) be adopted as written in the proposed Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and that the following words be added thereto to meet the objections offered by Dr. Lynn Harold Hough and others at yesterday's session:

"Provided, however, should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before the Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by not fewer than 50 members of the Conference shall request consideration, the manner shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee unless a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting shall refuse consideration."

REPORT NO. 2

Adopted April 30. See Journal, Page 280.

With regard to the questions relating to the possible removal or wider use of the microphones located in the aisles of the Auditorium, referred to your Committee on Rules, the following recommendations are made:

1. That these microphones be retained as now located.
2. That as now provided in the Rules, it shall not be in order for any member to use one of these microphones when addressing the Chair, or for the Chair to recognize and assign the floor to any member speaking from one of them.
3. It shall be in order for a member, having secured recognition of the Chair in accordance with Rule No. 6, to proceed to one of these microphones and address the Conference therefrom, and that Rule No. 6 be amended accordingly.
4. That the microphones be numbered 1, 2 and 3 from East to West, and that when any member addresses the Conference from one of them he shall first announce the number of the microphone from

which he speaks, then his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, and that Rule No. 6 be further amended in accordance therewith.

REPORT NO. 3

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 461.

On the second day of the Conference you ordered your Committee on Rules to present an alternate plan for distribution of the membership of the Conference among the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 8, which shall provide that ministers and laymen may have representation in equal numbers on each of them; also a provision for securing like equal representation on all other Committees. See page 57 of the *Daily Advocate*.

Pursuant thereto, your Committee recommends that to sub-section (1), under section "3. Membership of Committees," on page 156 of the Handbook for Delegates, there be added: In making said nominations the Council of Bishops shall maintain as nearly as practicable an equal balance of representation between ministerial and lay delegates on all Committees.

Your Committee also presents the following alternate provision for distribution of the membership of the General Conference among the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 8:

(3) Membership of the Legislative Committees number 1 to 8 inclusive shall be subject to the following regulations.

(a) Each Annual Conference delegation may have one lay and one ministerial delegate on each of these Committees.

(b) Each delegate shall be a member of one of these Committees and may have membership on two of them whose respective regular meetings are held on different days.

(c) No delegate may have membership on more than two of these Committees except when required to make "a" above effective.

(d) The number of members from any delegation on any one of these Committees shall not exceed by more than one the number of members it has on each of the other Committees of this group.

(e) Within the delegation each member shall choose the Committee or Committees on this group on which he shall serve, the choices being made in the order of election.

(4) Meetings of Committees.

(1) The Legislative Committees, for convenience of designation, shall be divided into three groups: A, 1 to 4; B, 5 to 8; C, 9 to 14.

(2) Group A shall meet for organization at 2:30 P.M. on the first day of the General Conference and thereafter at the same hour on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Group B shall meet for organization at 4:00 P.M. on the first day of the General Conference and thereafter at the same hour on each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Group C shall meet at 7:30 P.M. on the first day of the General Conference for organization and thereafter at such time as these Committees shall severally determine.

(3) A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops, and an Assist-

ant Secretary appointed by the Secretary, shall serve respectively as temporary Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the legislative committees.

(4) Same as "a" in original.

(5) Same as "b" in original.

(6) Same as "c" in original.

(7) Same as (3) in original.

Your Committee does not recommend the adoption of the foregoing alternate scheme, but does recommend continuation for the General Conference of 1944 the plan used at this session of the General Conference with such minor modifications as may seem desirable. The experience of this Conference has proven the efficiency of the Committees as set up. If the Committees had met on alternate days, their work would be only half finished at the present. If every Conference had been represented by a minister and a layman the question of a quorum would have been a very puzzling one, and great confusion would have resulted.

Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the ministerial and lay delegates. This would mean that the laymen would have first choice on all legislative Committees 1 to 8 in 1944.

In connection herewith it recommends that the Conference rescind the action taken on the second day of these sessions on motion of Fred D. Stone, as recorded on page 58 of the *Daily Advocate*.

REPORT NO. 4

Adopted May 6. See Journal, Page 461.

On the resolution offered by Fred E. Lott and referred to your Committee on Rules (see page 267 of the *Daily Advocate*), your Committee recommends:

1. It does not seem to your Committee to be feasible to undertake to accomplish the task set forth in that resolution at this session of the General Conference.

2. If it must be done in the interim of General Conference sessions, it recommends a smaller Committee to save expense, and also that due consideration be given to the place of residence of those appointed, for the same reason.

3. The proposal to have an episcopal member as a member of the Committee is approved and its adoption recommended.

4. Your Committee finally recommends that a Committee of six be created by this General Conference appointed by the Council of Bishops to prepare a Plan or Organization and Rules of Order for the General Conference of 1944, of whom one shall be a Bishop, and that the Secretary of the General Conference shall be an additional member ex-officio.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Committee (DCA-27), with the Minority Report, was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests on Thursday, April 25. The Editor. See pages 217, 218.

Report No. 2. Adopted May 1. See Journal, Page 297.

To the General Conference:

The Co-ordinating Committee considered itself an ad interim Committee created by the Uniting Conference to serve the Church as a correlating agency between the respective Book Committees and the Board of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church. The Committee, of course, had to deal immediately with the problems of the Church Press actually referred to it by the Uniting Conference, a Report in reference to which has been previously made to this Conference.

The Committee was confronted with the prospect that the new Board of Education and the new Board of Missions would necessarily have a large influence on the character of the literature which the new Board of Publication, to be organized after the meeting of the Jurisdictional Conferences, will have to provide. The Publishing Agents of the various former Churches were present at all of the four meetings held to advise as to the many technical problems involved.

The property interests are large. The fields of operation of the various publishing interests largely overlap, and it was immediately apparent that the problem confronting us was one that would require considerable time to harmonize and co-ordinate in order to avoid unreasonable financial sacrifice.

The Publishing Agents and your Committee have been studying the field with a view to working out a harmonious co-operation in the various enterprises, without sacrificing any of the interests of the publishing houses and the Church.

We recommend that the new Board of Publication shall be organized as soon as possible after its constituent members have been elected by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences. To this end, we ask that the Chairmen of the respective Book Committees and the Chairmen of the Board

of Publication of the former Methodist Protestant Church (or some one designated by them) shall call together the duly elected members of the Board of Publication for such organization at a place agreed upon by themselves, on July 25, 1940. We further recommend that our Co-ordinating Committee be continued by this Conference until the new Board of Publication be formally organized, and that at that time your Committee be automatically dissolved and discharged from all further responsibility.

Respectfully submitted.

TROY W. APPLEBY, *Chairman*;

NOLAN B. HARMON, JR., *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT

Report No. 1. Adopted April 24. See Journal, Page 204.

The Commission on Entertainment for the General Conference of The Methodist Church, 1940 session, presents for your consideration the following:

I. Your Commission did, pursuant to authority given it by the Uniting Conference, proceed in due time and form to select the city in which the 1940 session of said Conference would be held, and has selected the city of Atlantic City, New Jersey; that it has designated the seat of the Conference to be the Municipal Auditorium in said City and recommends that its action in this respect be approved.

II. That it has allocated the seats in the Assembly Hall of said Auditorium by lot among the several Conferences of said Methodist Church and that the allocation of seats as published in the seating plan as given on page 6 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 24, 1940, be approved as the official seating plan of this Conference subject, however, to such minor changes as may be found necessary; and your Commission respectfully requests that it be authorized to make from time to time such adjustments and changes as are found necessary.

III. That it has designated meeting places for the Judicial Council and 14 Legislative Committees in Committee rooms located in said Auditorium and nearby hotels, a correct list of said meeting places is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, Wednesday, April 24, 1940, on Pages 5 and 8, and your Commission recommends that its action in this respect be approved.

IV. Your Commission has provided offices for the General Officers of the Conference in various rooms in said Auditorium, a correct list of which is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 24, 1940, on Pages 5 and 8, and your Commission respectfully requests your approval of its action in this respect.

V. Your Commission and the Joint Committee on Program for the sessions of said General Conference feel that it is fitting and proper for this Conference to appropriately recognize the service to the Church of Bishop John L. Nuelsen, Edwin Holt Hughes, Edgar Blake, and Charles L. Mead, who were elected by the General Conference of their Church but who will retire at Jurisdictional Conferences

of The Methodist Church to be held within the next few weeks. Your Commission, therefore, recommends that a service for said recognition be made the order of the day immediately following the morning recess of Tuesday, April 30, 1940, and your Commission, therefore, requests authority to arrange and complete details therefor.

VI. Your Commission recommends that the Bar of the Conference be fixed to include that portion of the floor of said Assembly Hall of the Municipal Auditorium as shown on the printed plat of said floor on Page 6 in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Wednesday, April 24, 1940.

VII. Your Commission has provided press tables in front of the platform and we recommend that the representatives of the press as designated from time to time by this Commission be given seats at these tables.

VIII. Your Commission recommends that the 9 members of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church be seated upon the platform during all business sessions of the Conference.

IX. Your Commission recommends that fraternal delegates and distinguished guests be seated on the platform from time to time as occasion requires.

X. Your Commission, at the request of the Publishing Agents, in joint meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 17, 1939, presents the following resolution of said Publishing Agents and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That for the sake of convenience and uniformity, the Jurisdictional Conference Journals when printed should conform in page size and format to the General Conference Journal; and

That when the Jurisdictional Conference Journal is issued the printing should be done at the expense of the Jurisdiction by The Methodist Publishing House.

XI. Your Commission, at the request of the Publishing Agents, in joint meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 17, 1939, presents the following resolution of said Publishing Agents and recommends its adoption:

Resolved, That the General Conference now in session hereby adopts the Handbook of Reports of the Boards and Commissions which has been distributed to the delegates on this day as the official document of the General Conference embodying the reports of these Boards and Commissions; and be it further

Resolved, That these reports be not printed in the Journal of the General Conference.

XII. Your Commission recommends that the General Conference vote a per diem of \$4.00 to each delegate for the

days he is in attendance upon the sessions of the General Conference.

LESLIE J. LYONS, *Chairman*;
AUBREY S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT

Adopted Monday, April 29, without reading and ordered to record. See Journal, page 258.

Pursuant to your authority given last Saturday, the Commission on Entertainment has made the changes that we think are proper with respect to the seats which are not occupied by overseas delegates, and we desire permission to hand to the Secretary those changes without reading them, so that they may be published.

Baltic-Slavic, changed from D 19, 3-4 to D 1, 6.
Belgium, changed from D 19, 5-6 to B 1, 2.
Dakota, changed from C 23 and 24 (8-10) (9-10) to D 1, 1-5.
Mississippi (C), changed from A 23, 1-2 to C 19, 1-2.
Montana, changed from D 21, 1-2 to D 10, 3-4.
Oregon, changed from B 23 and 24 (1-2) (1-2) to A 8, 4-7.
South India, changed from D-20, 1-2 to D 16, 4-5.
Switzerland, changed from D-9, 5-6 to C 2, 2.
Washington (C), changed from B 24, 5-8 to A 7, 1-4.

The second item is with regard to the session tonight. We call your attention to the fact that it is an official session of the Conference, to hear the addresses of fraternal delegates. The Committee in charge of this matter desires the names of the fraternal delegates who are here. They have not been given to our Secretary, they have not been given to the Commission on Entertainment. Any fraternal delegate who has not reported as yet officially please see the Secretary of the Conference at once, and if anyone knows of a fraternal delegate who has not yet given his name please call his attention to that requirement.

LESLIE J. LYONS, *Chairman*;
AUBREY S. MOORE, *Secretary*.

THE THREE JOINT BUDGETING AGENCIES

Report No. 1. Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 319.

World Service Commission of The Methodist Episcopal Church, General Commission on Budget of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Executive Committee of The Methodist Protestant Church.

(In accord with the Enabling Act in ¶ 1651 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.)

I. AMENDING ¶ 832

Amend ¶ 832 as follows: Beginning in Line 7, strike out: "No member, including said Bishops, or employee of any Connectional Board or agency shall be eligible to membership" and insert in its place: "No member or employee of any Connectional Board or agency shall be eligible to membership in the General Commission on World Service and Finance. This shall not apply to the Bishops who are members of the Commission when all members of the Council of Bishops are members of any Board"; Line 16, strike out the word "Chairman" and insert in its place the word "President"; Line 18, strike out the word "of" and insert in its place the word "from"; Line 19, strike out the word "it" and insert in its place "the members of the Commission"; so that the Paragraph when amended shall read:

There shall be a General Commission on World Service and Finance constituted as follows: Two Ministers and two Lay Members elected by the General Conference from each Jurisdiction nominated by the Bishops thereof; six Members at Large, two of whom shall be Bishops, nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. No member or employee of any connectional Board or agency shall be eligible to membership in the General Commission on World Service and Finance. This shall not apply to the Bishops who are members of the Commission when all members of the Council of Bishops are members of any Board. The Bishops shall not be present in the sessions of the Commission when the salaries of the Bishops or matters pertaining to the Episcopal Fund are being considered. Vacancies during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Commission.

The Commission shall meet annually or on call of the President. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the Treasurer from the General Administration Fund. The members of the Commission shall serve four years and until the adjournment of the next succeeding General Conference.

II. AMENDING ¶ 832

After the following sentence in ¶ 832, "it shall serve four (704)

years and until the adjournment of the next succeeding General Conference" amend by adding the following subparagraph:

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Commission to consist of the officers of the Commission and six members to be elected by the Commission. The Executive Committee shall represent the Commission and exercise its powers in the interim of the meetings of the Commission, but it shall not take action contrary to or in conflict with any action or policy of the Commission.

III. AMENDING ¶ 841

Amend ¶ 841 by adding the following: "The Commission shall be duly incorporated." The amended Paragraph shall read:

The Commission may receive, take title to, sell, dispose of, or hold absolutely or in trust, property, real and personal, for the benefit of the General Benevolences of the Church and for distribution thereto. The Commission shall be duly incorporated.

IV. AMEND ¶ 833

Add to ¶ 833 the following: "The expenses of the Treasurer's office shall be paid from the general funds in proportion to the amounts received and disbursed for each fund during the fiscal year"; so that the last part of the Paragraph shall read:

The Treasurer shall report annually to the Commission on World Service and Finance and to the Annual Conference Commissions as to all amounts received and disbursed during the year. He shall also give to the General Conference a full and detailed report of the financial transactions of the Commission for each succeeding quadrennium. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as may be determined by the Commission. The expenses of the Treasurer's office shall be paid from the general funds in proportion to the amounts received and disbursed for each fund during the fiscal year.

V. AMENDING ¶ 853

Add to ¶ 853 the following: "The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall co-operate with the Annual Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and with the Board of Lay Activities in promoting and standardizing the financial systems in the local churches of each Annual Conference." The amended Paragraph will read:

The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall apportion among the several Annual Conferences the sum required to be raised for all Connectional purposes. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall apportion the same to the several Districts. The Commission, the District Superintendent, or the District Stewards' Meeting, shall apportion the same to the several Charges of each District as the Annual Conference may order. The General Commission on World Service and Finance shall co-

operate with the Annual Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and with the Board of Lay Activities in promoting and standardizing the financial systems in the local churches of each Conference.

VI. AMENDING ¶ 855

Amend ¶ 855, Line 11, after the word "Finance" insert the following: "The Treasurer of each Annual Conference shall make a full report to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance each quarter. These reports shall be made on the forms authorized by the General Commission on World Service and Finance," so that the amended Paragraph shall read:

All amounts collected in the local churches on General and Conference askings shall be sent monthly by the local church Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference. Annual Conference Treasurers shall make monthly distribution of the funds received to the Treasurers of the several Boards or institutions for Conference work and to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance for Connectional work according to the percentages fixed by the General Conference or the General Commission on World Service and Finance. The Treasurer of each Annual Conference shall make a full report to the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance each quarter. These reports shall be made on the forms authorized by the General Commission on World Service and Finance. The Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall provide suitable bonds for the Annual Conference Treasurer and the Treasurers of the several Annual Conference Boards and causes and shall designate a depository or depositories for Annual Conference funds. It shall require the Treasurers of all Boards, societies and institutions to be bonded in companies approved by the Annual Conference Committee on Audit.

VII. AMENDING ¶ 858

Amend ¶ 858 by striking out the words "the Commission" in the fifth Line of the Paragraph and inserting in their place the following: "The General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance," so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

The District Superintendent shall report to the Chairman of the Annual Conference Commission the amounts that have been accepted by the District, charge by charge, and the Chairman shall inform the General Commission on World Service and Finance, the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and the various Conference interests regarding the total amounts which have been accepted by that Conference for the current year. The Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and Official Laymen shall make diligent effort to raise the full amount of the askings accepted by the charges. In the case of charges which have not been using this plan heretofore it is advised that they arrange their affairs so as to inaugurate it

immediately following the first General Conference of The Methodist Church.

W. F. BRYAN, *Chairman*;

JAMES A. JAMES, *Secretary*;

(Committee on Legislation of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies.)

REPORT NO. 2. THE THREE JOINT BUDGETING AGENCIES

This Report was presented (see Page 319) but was not adopted. See the substitute, which was adopted that follows this Report.

World Service Commission of The Methodist Episcopal Church, the General Commission on Budget of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Executive Committee of The Methodist Protestant Church.

Strike out ¶ 856 and insert for ¶ 856 the following:

There shall be an Inter-Board Commission for the promotion of General Conference Benevolences. This Commission shall be composed of three Executive Secretaries from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, one of whom shall be a woman; two Executive Secretaries from the Board of Christian Education, the Treasurer of the Commission on World Service and Finance, one Publishing Agent, and an Executive Secretary of each of the other General Conference Benevolence Boards and Agencies to be chosen by the respective Boards. The Commission shall also include one Bishop from each Jurisdiction, chosen by the Bishops of each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from each Jurisdiction elected by the Jurisdictions.

It shall be the responsibility of this Commission to lay upon the mind and heart of the Church the privilege and duty of benevolent giving and Christian stewardship and to promote a Church-wide interest in Home and Foreign Missions, in Christian education and in all the benevolent causes authorized by the General Conference.

The budget of this Commission for its promotional program throughout the Church shall be fixed for each quadrennium by the General Conference upon recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance and shall be paid by the General Conference Benevolence Boards and Agencies proportionate to their share of participation in the benevolences.

The Commission shall be authorized, within its budget, to employ the necessary personnel for the successful promotion of its program.

The Commission shall annually report to the Council of Bishops, the constituent Boards, and quadrennially to the General Conference.

Inasmuch as it will be impossible to set up the Inter-Board Commission until the General Boards having representation on the Commission have been organized, the power of review and approval of the budget of expense of the Commission, now lodged in the General Conference, for this present quadrennium 1940-1944, shall be vested in the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

W. F. BRYAN, *Chairman*;

JAMES A. JAMES, *Secretary*.

(Committee on Legislation of the Three Joint Budgeting Agencies.)

Adopted May 2. See Journal, Page 321.

The legislation below was introduced by Roy L. Smith (Southern California-Arizona) and was adopted as a substitute for Report No. 2 of the Committee on The Three Joint Budgeting Agencies. See page 319.

Strike out present ¶ 856, 1939 *Discipline*, renumber present ¶ 857 as new ¶ 856, renumber present ¶ 858 as new ¶ 857 and include its first sentence only, then add:

¶ 858. To the Bishops in their Areas, the District Superintendents in their Districts, the Pastors in their charges, and the official laymen, with the co-operation of the various General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards of Benevolence, shall be committed the responsibility to make diligent effort to raise the full amount of the askings accepted by the charges.

¶ 859. The constituent Boards, severally and co-operatively, shall promote the education and enlistment of the whole Church in its program of General Benevolences.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension through its Joint Division of Education and Cultivation; the Board of Education, in its several Divisions; the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education and Co-ordination; the Board of Temperance, the Board of Lay Activities and other Boards and Agencies receiving support from the General Benevolence funds, in such manner and by such method as shall be deemed most effective, in co-operation with the Bishops, the District Superintendents and the Pastors, shall engage in the education and enlistment of the Church in its total Benevolence Work.

¶ 860. The Executive Secretaries of the constituent Boards and Agencies, organized as a Council of Secretaries shall co-ordinate their educational and promotional activities in order to avoid duplication, overlapping, and competition.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Report Adopted April 26. See Journal, Page 226.

The Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension, authorized by the Uniting Conference of Methodism in Kansas City, Mo., last year (see ¶ 1634, Page 667, of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church) was charged with the following responsibilities: "To secure cooperation between the Boards, to assist in administering the total program under their care, and to suggest any further steps for the merger and administration of the Board in The Methodist Church."

This Committee has taken its task seriously. By painstaking application and conscientious consideration of the intricate issues created by the unification of seven separate Missionary Boards and Agencies into one composite Board of Missions and Church Extension, with three administrative units, your Committee sought to conserve all essential values as well as to meet the reasonable expectations of every foreign and home missionary and church extension interest involved.

In addition to a series of special and sub-committee meetings in different parts of the country, during the past twelve months, the following extended sessions of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension were held:

July 10, 1939, Clifton Springs, New York.

December 4, 1939, Columbus, Ohio.

March 1, 1940, Nashville, Tenn.

April 20, 1940, Atlantic City, N. J.

The Uniting Conference contemplated a Board of Missions and Church Extension, which was to embrace the following Missionary Boards and Agencies:

Board of Missions, Methodist Protestant Church.

Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Board of Church Extension, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ladies' Aid Societies of Methodism's three uniting branches.

This Board of Missions and Church Extension is to function through three autonomous administrative divisions, and a promotional division to be chosen from the personnel of said administrative divisions:

Division of Foreign Missions.

Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

In the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Chapter II, Sections 1-13, Pages 275 to 327, on Missions and Church Extension, were subjected to a thoughtful and searching scrutiny by the Joint Committee. Despite divergent viewpoints on vital issues, the discussions were characterized by mutual consideration and a common purpose to prepare the way for an effective and fruitful functioning of this composite missionary agency of united Methodism.

As the result of an exacting appraisal of each Section and Paragraph in said Chapter II of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the Joint Committee formulated a series of legislative recommendations, which have been submitted to the General Conference Study Committee, created for this purpose by the Uniting Conference, for review and appraisal. Representatives of the Joint Committee were invited to meet with said Study Committee in Louisville, Ky., on March 28, and again in Atlantic City, N. J., on April 23. They were accorded every possible courtesy.

The Joint Committee's Legislative Recommendations, with whatever modifications the judgment of our General Conference Study Committee may dictate, will be brought to this body for consideration and action by said Study Committee; hence this initial report from the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension is mainly informational in character and purpose.

However, the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension desires to offer three specific suggestions, which we are convinced should commend themselves to, and merit prompt consideration and favorable action by, the General Conference:

1. Provision by the General Conference for the organization of the Board of Missions and Church Extension as soon as practicable, following the last of Methodism's pending series of Jurisdictional Conferences. It is suggested that the date for the organization of said Board be on or about July 24-26, 1940, in some convenient city, taking into consideration the cost of transportation and the convenience of similar gatherings.

2. Continuance by the General Conference of said Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension, until the Board of Missions and Church Extension has been organized and can function, in ac-

cordance with the purpose of ¶¶ 1633 and 1634, Pages 667 and 668 of the 1939 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

3. Provision by the General Conference for the continuance of the present corporations of the several merging Boards, Agencies, and administrative units which are to constitute the Board of Missions and Church Extension, in order to protect and conserve their respective financial assets and designated holdings.

A complete copy of the Minutes of the Joint Committee on Missions and Church Extension has been filed with the Secretary of the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

A. FRANK SMITH, *Chairman;*

E. D. KOHLSTEDT, *Secretary;*

R. E. DIFFENDORFER;

BETTIE S. BRITTINGHAM;

T. D. ELLIS;

Special Committee of Five.

COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

To the General Conference of The Methodist Church:

Adopted April 29. See Journal, Page 265.

The Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church, composed of two members from each of the six Jurisdictions, was appointed in accordance with the instructions of the Uniting Conference by the Council of Bishops at its session in Chicago in December, 1939. After a preliminary meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on January 12 and 13, 1940, at which it made a general survey of its task, the Committee sent to every General Board, Society, Commission and Committee of the three constituent Churches a comprehensive questionnaire seeking definite information bearing on the problems of location. Replies to these questionnaires were the subject of careful study on the part of each member of the Committee for a period of ten days previous to a meeting in Columbus on March 11, 12, and 13, 1940, at which representatives of the Boards and Societies were given ample opportunity to register their views on location and to state their arguments in the matter. A group of four eminent attorneys also were questioned at length on the legal aspects of the Committee's work. The case of each organization was then given careful consideration by the Committee, and after thorough discussion a conclusion was reached as to its location.

In arriving at its decisions the Committee scrupulously followed the example of the Uniting Conference in bringing the three Churches definitely together as one Church, and sought to apply the same principle of genuine unity in locating the Boards and Societies. Full consideration was given to all present property holdings of the various Boards and the effect that removal from one city to another might have upon the combined property interests of The Methodist Church. The recommendations of the Committee on Location hereinafter set forth will permit all Boards and Commissions to be housed in buildings now owned by some Board of our Church.

The Committee recognized that it was the clear intent of the Uniting Conference that the total missionary enterprise of The Methodist Church should be consolidated in one Board of Missions and Church Extension, and it seems clear

that such a unified Board would be most efficiently administered if all of its divisions are located in the same city. The Committee considered it a matter of paramount importance that our total missionary program should be conducted in the closest co-operative relationships with the other branches of Evangelical Protestantism. Inasmuch as New York City has become a center for the administration of denominational missionary programs and is increasingly becoming a center of interdenominational as well as international co-operation, it was our judgment that the Board of Missions and Church Extension and all of its divisions should be located in New York City.

As the several corporations that have been set up by the various Boards that are component parts of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church possess charters containing provisions that are valuable assets which should not be lost to the Church, and these various corporations have been made the custodians of trust funds which it is impractical and in some instances legally impossible to transfer to other corporations organized in other states, we recommend that all of these existing corporations be continued in operation wherever necessary to preserve charter rights, privileges, and trust funds, and to secure a legal and equitable distribution of the assets and properties of these corporations. We also recommend that the Board of Missions and Church Extension be authorized and directed to continue such offices and staffs and to maintain such administrative procedures in the various locations in which the previously existing Boards have operated as may be found necessary, but that the Board be instructed to proceed as rapidly as practicable to make effective the correlation and harmonization of the various divisions, departments and bureaus, while preserving the co-ordinate administrative authority of the several divisions of the Board in accordance with the legislation set forth in ¶¶ 941 and 942 of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, 1939.

In the course of its investigations the Committee took cognizance of the legal situation, and therefore recommends that each Board carefully examine its charters for the purpose of determining whether such charters should be amended to conform to the reorganization of the various Boards of the Church as determined by the Uniting Conference and the General Conference, and if any action be required by the General Conference of The Methodist Church at its session in Atlantic City, N. J., commencing April 24, 1940, authorizing any charter changes in existing corporations or any new corporations to be organized, or

in reference to distribution or re-allocation of funds of existing corporations, that the representative Boards of The Methodist Church advise the General Conference of the details thereof in sufficient time for the General Conference to take such necessary action.

The undersigned Committee also recommends that in order to insure that no necessary legal requirements be overlooked, the General Conference create a special Committee whose duty it shall be to report to the General Conference a list of all corporations to be continued, accompanied by a statement as to all legal steps necessary to insure their proper and legal continuance.

The members of the Committee on Location were unanimous in each decision and also unanimously adopted this report as a whole.

The Committee recommends to the General Conference of The Methodist Church in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraphs that the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church be located as follows:

Board of Missions and Church Extension (and all divisions thereof), New York City, N. Y.

Board of Education (and all divisions thereof), Nashville, Tenn.

The above Boards were located with the understanding that there shall be an equitable distribution of the work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education among all of the publishing plants of The Methodist Church.

Board of Publication—Inasmuch as this Board is to be an unincorporated body and is to operate through several existing corporations, it is recommended that the Board of Publication be empowered and authorized to continue the printing and manufacturing business of the Church at New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Nashville, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore, and later to combine the allocated activities into a smaller number of publishing units, as the Board may determine to be for the best interest of the whole Church. Branch houses, distributing agencies, depositories and offices may be established or continued or discontinued in the discretion of the Board.

Board of Hospitals and Homes, Columbus, Ohio.

Board of Pensions, Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, Ill.

Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

Commission on World Service and Finance, Chicago, Ill.

Commission on Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

Commission on World Peace, Chicago, Ill.

Commission on Courses of Study, Nashville, Tenn.

Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted: Umphrey Lee, Chairman; T. W. Appleby, L. O. Hartman, Charles M. Hay, D. D. Jones, Charles O. Loucks, Charles MacCaughy, F. G. Newell, E. L. Russell, Charles E. Schofield, J. B. F. Shaw, B. A. Whitmore—Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church.

COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

Report Adopted April 27. See Journal, Page 254.

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church in their Episcopal Address to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City in April, 1939, expressed their interest in a department of Methodist publicity. This particular interest of the Bishops was referred by the Uniting Conference to its standing Committee on Education which, in turn, recommended to the Uniting Conference that the Council of Bishops appoint a Commission to study the proposal. The Uniting Conference adopted the recommendation. The Council subsequently appointed a Commission, and instructed it to report to the General Conference of 1940. That Commission submits the following report:

There shall be a Department of Publicity of The Methodist Church which shall gather news of public interest concerning Methodist activities and opinion and disseminate it through the secular press, the religious press, the radio, and other legitimate media of public information. This Department shall be under the supervision of a Commission of six persons, one of whom shall be a Bishop. The Commission shall be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Council of Bishops. Care shall be taken to nominate persons whose experience in journalism, advertising, business or the Church particularly qualifies them for this service. The Bishop who shall be a member of the Commission shall act as its Chairman. The Commission is authorized to employ a Director and such persons as may be necessary to give effect to its purpose. The Commission shall present a proposed budget to the Commission on World Service and Finance for its consideration and action. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the General Conference shall be filled by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall hold office until the next session of the General Conference, or until their successors are elected. The Commission shall be known as the Commission on Public Information.

For the Commission—
BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM,
BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT,
ROY L. SMITH.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Report No. 1. Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 342.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1939 relating to the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Commission begs to submit the following report:

I

The Commission recommends the following ratios for the ensuing quadrennium for the distribution of World Service funds to the Boards, Commissions and other agencies authorized by the General Conference to participate in the World Service funds:

1. Board of Missions and Church Extension, 69.3 per cent.
- Board of Education, 14.55 per cent.
- Theological Schools, 4 per cent.
- Commission on Courses of Study, 1 per cent.
- Board of Temperance, 2.15 per cent.
- Board of Hospitals and Homes, 2.1 per cent.
- Board of Pensions (Missouri), 1.1 per cent.
- Board of Pensions (Illinois) 1.3 per cent.
- Board of Lay Activities, 1.6 per cent.
- Commission on World Peace, .8 per cent.
- Commission on Evangelism, .9 per cent.
- American Bible Society, 1.2 per cent.
- Total, 100 per cent.

Junaluska and Sequoyah Assemblies combined are to receive in equal shares from the Board of Missions and Church Extension one-fourth of 1 per cent of the sum received by the said Board from the General Benevolences on apportionment until each has received \$4,000. When the said amount has been received by the said Assemblies they shall not further participate this distribution. Additions have been made to the ratio of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to provide for these items.

Scarritt College for Christian Workers shall receive 2 per cent of the sum disbursed to Theological Schools. An addition has been made to the ratio of the Theological Schools to provide for this item.

2. The yearly distribution of receipts from the World Service Funds, according to the established ratios above mentioned, shall be limited to the following causes as follows:

- (1) Theological Schools (including Scarritt College for Christian Workers) to a sum not to exceed \$200,000;
- (2) Commission on Courses of Study to a sum not to exceed \$55,000;
- (3) Board of Pensions (Illinois) to a sum not to exceed \$61,250;
- (4) Board of Pensions (Missouri) to a sum not to exceed \$51,150;
- (5) Board of Hospitals and Homes to a sum not to exceed \$100,000.

3. Under the supervision of the Board of Hospitals and Homes authorization is granted for the solicitation of designated gifts with World Service credit on apportionment to institutions in amounts as follows:

(1) Methodist Hospital at Pikesville, Ky., \$5,000, with the understanding that this authorization is for the first year of the ensuing quadrennium only.

(2) Freeman Hospital, Joplin, Mo., \$4,000 per year.

(3) Kennedy Deaconess Hospital, Havre, Mont., \$1,000 per year.

(4) Beth-El Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$5,000 per year.

The expenses of the Commission on World Service and Finance, including those of the Central Treasury, shall be a first charge against the receipts for the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund and the Episcopal Fund. These expenses shall be prorated among the three Funds above mentioned in proportion to the receipts of these several Funds respectively. For the Commission proper an annual budget of \$4,500 is approved; for the Central Treasury an annual budget of \$39,925 is approved.

5. The ratios of distribution for the World Service Fund and the General Administration Fund, as approved by the General Conference, shall become effective as of June 1, 1940.

6. The General Financial Plan, as set forth in the *Discipline*, shall go into effect in each Annual Conference at the session of the Conference next following the General Conference of 1940.

II

1. The Commission recommends the following annual budget for the General Administration Fund for the ensuing quadrennium:

General Conference Expense (including Commissions, Committee, etc.) \$108,333.

Department of Publicity, \$25,000.

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, \$35,000.

World Council of Churches, \$3,000.

Total, \$171,333.

2. The distribution of receipts for the General Administration Fund shall be made to the several causes and agencies above mentioned in direct proportion to the amounts allotted them severally.

3. The World Council of Churches shall participate in the above distribution only to the amount of \$3,000.

III

The following rules and principles shall apply to the apportionments to the Annual Conferences for the World Service Fund and the General Administration Fund.

1. For the quadrennium 1940-1944 the apportionment for the World Service Fund shall be the total apportioned for the same items and objects for the Conference year last ended in the three uniting Churches. This total shall be apportioned by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to the respective Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church so that each Conference shall receive an apportionment in like amount to the apportionment of the last Conference year for the same items and objects. Proper additions and subtractions shall be made for all changes in Conference boundaries and all divisions and consolidations of Conferences. The same rule for apportionments to the several Annual Conferences shall apply with respect to the General Administration Fund. If by this rule, however, the total apportionments to the several Conferences are

not sufficient to yield an amount equal to the total General Administration budget adopted by this General Conference, then this necessary increase shall be distributed among the Conferences in direct proportion to their several apportionments for the last Conference year.

2. Apportionments for the World Service Fund and the General Administration Fund shall be sent to the Annual Conferences and through them to the Districts and Charges in separate apportionments.

3. The General Commission on World Service and Finance directs the attention of the Annual Conferences respectively to the superlative importance of the causes and interests represented in the General World Service Fund and the General Administration Fund. These are, as it were, the very life blood of the Church at home and abroad. Any ratios established between Annual Conference Benevolences and these General Funds, which would yield a lesser amount for the general interests of the Church than was received for the last Conference year, would be nothing less than disastrous. The Commission, therefore, urges that each Annual Conference shall so adjust the ratios between the Conference Funds and the General Funds that the General Funds above referred to shall receive, as an absolute minimum, the amount received for like causes and objects for the last Conference year.

The amounts to be raised by the Woman's Division of Christian Service are not included in any statement or item of this report.

ERNEST LYNN WALDORF, *Chairman*;
COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2

Adopted May 3. See Journal, Page 344.

We, your General Commission on World Service and Finance present to the General Conference of The Methodist Church now in session, the recommendations of the Commission for the budget of the Episcopal Fund for the quadrennium beginning on June 1, 1940.

We are presenting this report in four main sections. The first Section pertains to the salaries of General Superintendents and the allowance for retired General Superintendents; the allowance for widows and orphans of General Superintendents; the salaries of Missionary Bishops and the allowance for retired Missionary Bishops and grants-in-aid to Bishops of Central Conferences.

The second Section covers those items which constitute the necessary expenses of General Superintendents, Missionary Bishops and Bishops of Central Conferences in performing the official duties of The Methodist Church as required and set forth in the *Discipline* of the Church. It is to be understood that the items in section two are in no way or manner personal remuneration but actual expenses and to be paid only upon presentation of an itemized voucher.

The third Section of the report sets the assessment which

is recommended to be made upon the pastors' salaries exclusive of house rent to raise the Episcopal Fund.

The fourth Section of the report is on general matters pertaining to the Episcopal Fund.

I. The salaries of General Superintendents, allowances for retired General Superintendents, widows and orphaned children of General Superintendents; salaries of Missionary Bishops and allowance for retired Missionary Bishops; Grant-in-Aid for Bishops of Central Conferences.

1. The salary of a General Superintendent shall be \$6,000 per year.

The allowance for a retired General Superintendent shall be \$2,700 per year.

The widow of a General Superintendent shall receive \$100 a year for each year she was the wife of an effective Methodist minister, providing that \$1,500 is the maximum, to be paid. All allowances paid the widow of a General Superintendent shall terminate upon remarriage.

Support for orphaned children of a General Superintendent shall be a matter to be settled by the Commission.

2. The salary of a Missionary Bishop shall be \$5,000 per year. Full consideration of the rates of exchange shall be given by the Commission.

3. The salaries, house rent and expenses of the Bishops elected by the Central Conferences shall be continued in the same amounts as are now being paid until the next sessions of their respective Central Conferences.

After the session of each Central Conference the Commission on World Service and Finance shall adjust the Grants-in-Aid for salaries, house rent and travel expenses of the Bishops of that Conference in counsel and co-operation with the representatives appointed by the Conference for this purpose. (§ 463, *Discipline* 1939.)

Full consideration shall be given to the prevailing rates of exchange in determining these matters.

II. House rent and travel expenses.

1. General Superintendents: For house rent and other items such as taxes, repairs, etc., connected with Episcopal residences there shall be an allowance of from \$500 to \$1,800 to be determined by the Commission.

General Superintendents: For secretarial and office expense, there shall be an allowance of not more than \$1,500.

Expenses shall be allowed for official travel within the

"connection at large" as provided by the 1939 *Discipline* in ¶ 852.

2. Missionary Bishops: For house rent and other items such as taxes repairs, etc., connected with the Episcopal residence, there shall be allowed an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per year.

For secretarial expense, postage, telegrams, etc., a Missionary Bishop shall be allowed an amount not to exceed \$1,200 per year.

Expenses shall be allowed for the necessary official travel of a Missionary Bishop.

Full consideration of the rates of exchange shall be given by the Commission.

III. The Commission recommends an assessment equal to $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ on the pastors' salaries paid exclusive of house rent.

It is to be noted that the Commission is recommending a reduction from $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $2\frac{1}{4}\%$. It is the feeling of the Commission that we should try the reduced apportionment for a year, and, if the results shall warrant, that the same apportionment shall prevail for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1940 and going into effect with the first sessions of the Annual Conferences, following the adjournment of the General Conference now in session. In case this apportionment does not produce sufficient income, the Commission on World Service and Finance is empowered to increase the apportionment to an amount equal to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the pastors' salaries for any year during the quadrennium.

IV. General Matters Pertaining to the Episcopal Fund.

1. All items in Section II shall be paid only upon the presentation of itemized vouchers (¶ 851, *Discipline* 1939.)

2. The Executive Committee shall act for the Commission on World Service and Finance on the validity of any claims upon the Episcopal Fund within the authority which may be granted by the Commission on World Service and Finance.

3. The travel expenses of a Bishop of a Central Conference to the place of meeting of the General Conference of The Methodist Church shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

4. When the time comes for the retirement of a Bishop of a Central Conference, the Commission on World Service and Finance shall determine whether a retirement allowance shall be paid from the General Episcopal Fund, and, if so, in what amount. W. F. BRYAN, *Vice-chairman*;

COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Secretary*.

FRATERNAL ADDRESSES

(Delivered Monday evening, April 29. See Page 274.)

Dr. Benjamin Gregory

THE BRITISH METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop and members of the Conference: I would like my first words to be words of gratitude for the warm welcome which you have accorded to me, and for the very gracious, generous kindness which I have received from the moment I arrived here at Atlantic City. This is my first visit to a General Conference. It is not my first visit to this country or to its Methodism. I may be allowed, though this is a somewhat formal occasion, to speak a little personally. I have close and very dear associations here. I have a boy who has been so charmed by the spread of opportunities which America offers that he is now working in Detroit. I have blood ties with this land. Two of my brothers are ordained ministers of this Church. They are not what we call Conference men. They are known probably to very few of you. They have been mercifully spared from the perils of publicity.

When Jonathan Swift, who was the witty Irishman, Dean of St. Patrick's, was asked by a young man to advise him as to his career, he said, "Go into the Church, my boy. If you succeed, they will make you a Dean. If you fail, they will make you a Bishop."

Neither of my dear brothers has qualified for either of those exalted positions, but each of them has maintained the family tradition of steadfast devotion to duty, and each has served Christ and Christ's Church and the community in an illustrious obscurity.

Some six years ago I accepted an invitation to exchange Editorial Chairs with my very dear friend, Dan Brummitt, whose passing is mourned by troops of friends across the seas. I came then to Chicago and to Kansas City, and as much as in me lay I did by little best to edit the *North-western* and the *Central Christian Advocates*. That was an exchange which greatly benefited England.

Since I landed in New York, a few days ago, I have begun to spend money, and I have wished that all exchanges moved in the same direction.

During my last visit to this land, I was asked to go to the California Conference. There, as in Chicago and in Kansas

City, I formed friendships which have permanently enriched my life.

I want to say here that I shall always be especially grateful for the amazing kindness of my dear friend, Bishop James C. Baker.

Of course, I have found—as Englishmen always do find—differences of circumstance. You do many things much better than we do, and, well, I will let you fill in the anti-thesis. But all these differences of circumstance are forgotten in the great joy of fellowship.

I often recall that when I was in New York, my dear friend Samuel Parkes Cadman, to whom I owe so much, took me one night to dine at the house of a distinguished lady in Brooklyn. There my hostess told me a story which I will venture to repeat to you.

She had a little niece who on one occasion was greatly excited because she had received an invitation to a party. She was particularly thrilled because she thought that probably she might be asked to say grace at the party.

Some days afterward her aunt met her and asked the little child how she had enjoyed her party. "It was fine," she said.

"Did they ask you to say grace," said the aunt.

"Oh, yes they did," said the child.

"What did you say?"

"Well, auntie, I don't know what I said, but it must have been all right because one of the ladies asked me afterwards what Church I belonged to and do you know, I was so happy I couldn't remember whether I was a Democrat or a Republican."

Mr. Chairman, I know something about that experience. I have a sense of "at homeness" among you and a feeling of affectionate admiration for you. I am glad to be here and I want to thank you for the honor you have done me in giving me this opportunity.

I do not forget, of course, that I am here primarily to bring you the fraternal greetings of the Conference of the British Methodist Church, the Mother Church of World Methodism.

We regard you sometimes with envy, sometimes with wonder, sometimes with curiosity, but always with affection.

I am charged by our President to assure you of our abiding good will. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers and in our hearts. There is a unity, always precious, but particularly so at such a time as this.

We are facing what may be described without exaggeration as the greatest crisis in our history. I have been asked

again and again in the past few days what is the attitude of the British people. Let me say a word or two about that.

I think that just now information is more useful than exhortation.

We are a united nation. We did not want war. We carried our love for peace and appeasement to the utmost limits. We went so far indeed as to invoke criticism and misunderstanding. We were not prepared for war. The time came when we found that we must either give up all those indefinable possessions which made what is called Christian civilization, or risk our all to defend them and to preserve them.

Today, the British people are inspired by the solemn conviction that they are trustees for the imponderable things of eternal value, the things without which life itself is not worth living.

Five and twenty years ago, when your nation and mine stood shoulder to shoulder in what we hoped would be the last war, the United States was represented at the Court of St. James by a very shrewd American, Walter H. Page. Let me read to you some words of one of your own countrymen. He writes: "From the awful spectacle on land and sea, it is inspiring to watch this nation, dead earnest, resolute, united. It will spend all its treasure and give all its men, if need be. I have never seen such grim resolution."

Those words, I think, might be written of the British nation today. Only there is a deeper sense of vocation and of fulfilment of a sacred mission.

In this great conflict, the Churches of Great Britain have sadly but determinedly accepted their full responsibility. We have, as you know, a State Church, but that Church has a large measure of freedom and independence. We have also Churches that are entirely free, in spirit as well as in name. Methodism is one of these, indeed, the largest of them. Together, they are larger than the Established Church.

I want you to know that the Churches in our country do not accept national policy at the dictation of the State. The voice of the Church is not an echo of the cry of the politician. Our duty to man is determined by our duty to God.

That is why, to give one illustration, we have given full recognition to the rights of the conscientious objector. We are in this great conflict that we may help to secure freedom of conscience and of thought and of worship for our people. If that is to be achieved, freedom must be assured for our

people, and today, every British citizen who satisfies the tribunal that he cannot conscientiously take up arms for his country is freed from that obligation.

You may gather something of the proceedings of the tribunals when I just give you these figures: Out of 308 applications for exemption presented through a certain period to four tribunals, only fifteen of those applications were rejected. I ought to say to you, of course, that the conscientious objector is in a very small minority, but a minority has its rights of freedom, whether it be a small nation, overridden by the diabolical tyranny of a mighty nation, or whether it be an individual in a country which claims to be free.

We do not accord to the conscientious objector any special honor. We honor also the conscientious assentor, the man who in response to the call of his country is prepared to abandon his peaceful pursuits and to face hardships, suffering, wounds, and even death, itself, for a cause which he believes to be right.

We hold that it is still true that it is a sweet and proper thing for a man to die for his country.

You may be confident that the attitude of the British people reveals a steadfast and indeed a cheerful acceptance of a solemn responsibility. We value your sympathy very highly. Like you, we are a proud people, and we should be concerned if we thought that we had simply your pity. We are troubled on every side yet not distressed. We are distressed but not in despair. We are cast down but not destroyed. Hence, we never lose heart for we know that while the things which are seen are temporal, the things which are not seen are eternal.

The war, of course, had its influence upon the work of our Methodist Church. We are finding new opportunities of service. The evacuation of women and children from industrial areas has meant big changes in the location of the population. Many of the evacuees have returned to their homes, but many remain in the country districts, and rural Methodism is meeting the situation with wisdom and courage.

In our own land and overseas there is a noble ministry to the troops compelling experiment and invention. Perhaps the most striking of the new methods by which we seek to do our work is the use of the moving picture in evangelism and in instruction. Then our Church has set up a Commission to plan a new forward movement in evangelism. We feel that the presentation of the gospel must be set in the context of the vast new needs in which Europe

stands. But men are not saved for themselves alone, but with a view to the establishment of a new international relationship, and this requires not only more Christians, but better Christians.

Then I want to say that the war is helping the unity of the Churches. We note that this is the first United Conference of The Methodist Church of America. I am asked to offer you congratulations of British Methodism on your achievement. You are back again in spirit of the days of the Apostle of the long trail, Francis Asbury. As you know, we have been through the processes of union; conditions are not the same, but you will find, as we have done, that there is a necessity of reconciling varieties of external circumstances and of outlooks.

But I can say this with thankfulness, that in the mother Church, Methodist Union has abundantly vindicated itself, and we are looking forward today to the possibility of other unions.

You will remember that it had been arranged to hold an Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Oxford in 1941. That arrangement cannot now be carried out. But I am asked to tell you that so far as we are concerned, the Conference is not abandoned, it is only postponed. Meanwhile, our Section, the Eastern Section, is occupied in laying plans and making preparations.

We believe that you too in this Conference will desire every channel of communication to be kept open and be utilized to the utmost.

Now let me say something which we in England regard to be of the very utmost importance. We are confronted today with difficulty of immense proportions, but we know that the problems of peace may be even greater than the problems of war.

Please God, there must be a new social order, based on Christian principles. Some of us today are talking of a Federation of Nations, not interfering with national independence, but breaking down all barriers, economic and social. The gravest consequence of this war is the frustration of God's purpose of the union of all men in Jesus Christ. The recovery of this purpose is a work which no nation can do alone and no Church can do alone. It requires the co-operation of all Christian peoples.

Oxford and Edinburgh and Lausanne, Life and Work and Faith and Order have shown what is in the minds of the Christian Churches when gathered in fellowship of thought and prayer.

Now we have the challenge to accept the implications of

the conclusions reached in those Conferences. Will you allow me to say to you with all the conviction which I can command, that I believe that here is a task in which the Churches of the United States of America can take an immediate and determining part.

The Churches of Britain are not blind or deaf to the action, or inaction, the speech, or the silence, of the American republic. To be sure, there are some amongst us who have a difficulty in finding a place for neutrality and isolation among the Christian virtues. But we have no doubt whatsoever, that you will do what you believe to be right, not only in your own interests but in the interests of humanity.

What I plead for tonight is that the Churches in all Christian communities shall get together to lay plans, set the foundations, design the superstructure for a Christian communal. We believe that to a work of this kind the Methodists of America can make a unique contribution. There are people today who talk about this age as an age of the loss of faith. Well, there is much today to suggest a loss of faith in men, but there is more to inspire a recovery of faith in God.

I believe with all my heart that if we will accept it in penitence and in love and in labor, the Christian Churches throughout the world have today an unparalleled opportunity. No organization other than the Church can meet our needs. No other way but the way of Christ can lead to light and love and life.

We have, as many of you know, I think, in England, a journal, a weekly journal, called the *Spectator*. The most famous editor of that journal was Richard Holt Hutton. There is a book of his essays which is one of the golden books of English literature. In one of those essays he analyzes and assesses the work of a great European philosopher. He sums up his judgment in these memorable words. Listen to them:

"He knew all humanity's diseases, a few alleviations, no remedies. To him the earth was eloquent, but the skies were silent." Today the eloquence of the earth is plain to hear. It cries out from prison and concentration camp, from the bloody fields of China, and Poland, and Finland, and Norway, from empty hearts and broken hearts, from shattered hopes and frustrated ideals. Assembled in this place tonight we hear it now from across the sea, but to us, thank God, the skies are not silent.

Bishop Cesar Dacorso, Jr.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF BRAZIL

Mr. Chairman, beloved brethren: I am now taking my fourth lesson in English. I feel I am improving a little, but I wonder whether you will be able to understand me.

I feel really happy at this opportunity of visiting once more the United States and representing The Methodist Church of Brazil in this first General Conference of The Methodist Church. Particularly I wish to deliver to you at this great hour the most cordial greetings and the sincerest expression of love and gratitude from the Brazilian Methodists.

May I also declare that even though we are a Church small and poor, we are stirred by great hopes amidst many opportunities. There, in the heart of the largest American country and of a population of about fifty million, we stand to witness for Christ and develop the work which Wesley committed to his spiritual children.

We remember you in thankfulness and prayer because we are also your spiritual sons and daughters and yet, set up as an autonomous Church, are still receiving your inestimable help in workers, money and influence.

We renew at this time the sentiments of the memorial which we sent to the Uniting Conference. Despite being an autonomous Church, we wish closer relations to you. We do not know how this may be secured. We leave the question in the hands of your wise Committees, Boards and legislators.

Do not forget, beloved brethren, that the first evangelical Churches on American soil were organized in Brazil. Years after, they were suffocated in fire and drowned in blood. From them we received nothing more than their records, which are now in public archives and their solemn example of faithfulness and heroism. But God drew in the skies of Brazil the most expressive symbol of Christianity, a cross; the Southern Cross, lest cease among my people the testimony of the Gospel.

Since the evangelical Churches were again organized there we have been receiving through them God's inspiration and encouragement, while we hear his affirmation, the same the emperor of old is said to have heard, "In hoc signo vinces."

From the Southern hemisphere we stretch our arms to you in steady anxiety and co-operation for the redemption of the world.

Bishop Eleazar Guerra

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF MEXICO

Mr. President, members of this Conference: It is a great privilege indeed to be here tonight on this occasion and to bring to you the salutations and cordial greetings of my people together with their gratitude.

This is the fourth consecutive General Conference I have had the opportunity to attend during my ministry besides having the honor to be present in the historic gathering at Kansas City. But never before my heart has been deeply moved as today when I can see with my own eyes a most perfect dream come true—the Methodist people is one people.

I have been introduced as a fraternal delegate to this great Conference, but in my humble opinion I am not a fraternal delegate. I am simply a member of this great family, which now is called Methodist people. Whenever in the world you find a Methodist there is the Methodist Church, and we Mexicans that were born Methodists form part of the great body and want to rejoice in this hour of exaltation and triumph.

It is true that an autonomous church has been created in our country, but that was for the part of expediency, law abiding, and desire to share responsibility. But we want to take part in this forward movement that this Church has taken, when all forces of Methodism are united for better service. We do not want to be isolated; we want to share with you the glory of ministering to the whole world.

It is with a great sense of humility that I am able to inform you of the progress that The Methodist Church of Mexico is doing. Having 21,000,000 habitants to work with, and an immense territory of 720,000 square miles in which to travel, it appears that our force of 10,000 members and one hundred pastors is too small for the task, and yet never before have we seen more determination on the part of this small army of Christians to discharge their duty than now. It was pleasing to know how our members and pastors are responding graciously to the call to service. In the last report of our Annual Conference, it was stated that 162,000 pesos were raised for all purposes, an increase of 32,000 over the preceding year, and what is more encouraging, we gained 1,200 new converts to our cause.

The missionary spirit has been awakened to such an extent that a very substantial amount of money has been raised for that purpose. New church buildings are being constructed and from everywhere, from every part of our country petitions have come, asking us to extend our work to new places.

Knowing that the real hope of the future of our work lies in the ministry, we are not sparing either energy or money to encourage young men and young women to dedicate their lives to the Master. We are looking with deep sorrow toward the day when no more missionaries can be sent into Mexico to replace those that have died, or have finished their careers, because of the laws of the country. For that reason, we want to work faster than ever to develop our own workers, hoping that after giving them the best preparation we can, we may be able to send some of them to you for further training, and to establish the personal contact with the Mother Church.

In a moment like this, when distrust, power of man, reigns supreme in the world, The Methodist Church is singing a wonderful note of love, sacrificial effort, and service.

The whole world is astonished to know that a group of 8,000,000 people is trying to save the world while the forces of evil are trying to destroy them. Let it be known to all the world, my dear brethren, that the power of Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation of men. Let the whole world know that these people call. Methodism is coming forward to the real task of saving the world, and we are here for this purpose, and for this purpose only.

What a wonderful sight it is to see people coming from all parts of the world, all nationalities represented here, and yet all of us are united by the love of Jesus Christ. The people of America are looking upon you, the people of the world are looking upon you. This is the opportunity of The Methodist Church to give the world peace and love.

Bishop J. W. Brown

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Mr. President, Delegates,

Friends and Brethren in Christ:

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

That in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In obedience to the commission given me by the Board of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, I have the honor to bring you Fraternal Greetings. We gather here recognizing John Wesley as the Founder and Father of all Methodists—The Methodist Church of the Americas, as the daughter of Wesleyan Church of England and Great Britain. We come as an older daughter—perhaps a little nearer than some others who bear the name Methodists. In the language of the former Governor Alfred E. Smith, “let us consult the records,” or, “What does the record say?”

A number of Negroes, most of whom were members of the John Street Methodist Church, in New York City, took the first step toward separation from that connection in 1796. They had not been disturbed in their worship to the extent experienced by Richard Allen and his co-workers in Philadelphia, but they had a “desire for the privilege of holding meetings of their own, where they might have an opportunity to exercise their spiritual gifts among themselves, and thereby be more useful to one another.” Such permission was obtained from Bishop Francis Asbury by a group of intelligent Negro Methodists, chief among whom were Francis Jacobs, William Brown, Peter Williams, Abraham Thompson, June Scott, Samuel Pontier, Thomas Miller, William Miller, James Varick and William Hamilton. Three of these persons, Abraham Thompson, June Scott, and Thomas Miller, were at that time recognized preachers, and William Miller was an exhorter, all of them officiating in this capacity as opportunities presented themselves in their connection and under the supervision of the white Methodists.

From that small number of pathfinders and pioneers, we now have 4,205 Churches, with a membership of 597,785 persons, eleven Bishops and twenty-three General Officers—eight institutions of learning, including Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary located at Salisbury, North Carolina.

The classic account of the rise of Methodism, prepared

by the founder himself and set as a preface to the General Rules of his societies, is as follows:

In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more the next day) that he would spend some time with them in prayer and advise them how to flee with the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That they might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, namely on Thursday, in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily), he gave those advices from time to time which he judged most needful for them; and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities. This was the rise of the United Society first in Europe and then in America.

The first Methodists were John and Charles Wesley, Robert Kirkham and William Morgan. George Whitefield was a latter accession to the Oxford Company. The ruling spirit of this group of Methodists and the central and dominant figure of Methodism as long as he lived, was John Wesley. Wesley was well-fitted, both by birth and training, for the place he filled.

The first Methodist Society in America was organized in New York in 1766 as a result of the preaching of Philip Embury, an Irish local preacher, who was aroused to duty by Barbara Heck, another Irish immigrant. To Barbara Heck, who is called the mother of American Methodism, is due also the planting of the cause in Canada, whither she removed with her family in 1774. We have followed in their footsteps, seeking to carry on the work so well begun. This is the task of all Christians everywhere. Christians of every race and clime can well join with John Wesley in making the world their parish. We regard the Church the most powerful agency for Evangelism, Christian Education, Social Service and Civic Righteousness.

Our forebears were brought to these shores without their consent. Their presence may have created some additional problems for you to solve, yet they have made invaluable contributions by their labors, felling the forests and tilling the plantation. It is now more than seventy-five years since they were released from slavery and given the status of citizens in our country, whose wealth and general prosperity their labors have helped to create. The progress of the race within this period has surpassed the most sanguine hopes of the most ardent advocates. No group of people in history ever started from a more complete economic and cultural destitution. Within these seventy-five years the race has

multiplied its wealth more than 130 times, has reduced its illiteracy from 95 per cent to 10 per cent, and reduced its death rate by one half. They have risen to the ownership of more than 750,000 homes, accumulated property to the value of billions, have developed a far reaching internal network of social, religious and economic organizations for the continued advancement of their people, have produced leadership in all walks of life that for faith, courage, devotion, and patriotic loyalty ranks with all the other groups in our country.

Surrounded by all kinds of difficulties, the American Negroes are gradually making for themselves a remarkable record. They are loyal citizens, brave soldiers, fighting bravely in all the nation's wars, never guilty of treason or anarchy. America is girding herself for a new day assuring justice to the forgotten man. He is chiefly to be found among racial minorities. Conditions in the past have heavily handicapped these groups. The recovery program now receiving national attention should not only change the conditions but also assure a square deal to these underprivileged groups.

History and experience have taught eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but it is the price which must be paid if we are to make moral, religious and educational advances and obtain them. Human life is constantly making changes and there are always downward pulls which we the Church must resist and overcome. Bishop Ketteler, an early Christian Socialist in Germany, has said: "The power of Christian love is the only lever to raise and regenerate human society. Ceaseless vigilance and exposure of wrongdoings, injustices of all kinds, must continue." The great Methodist Church must continue in her leadership and all the other churches in our Methodism must unite if we hope to make encouraging advances against the evils that are destroying civilization at the present time.

Among the 1,500 Christian youths who went as delegates to the World's Conference on Christian Youth at Amsterdam, Holland, July 24th to August 2nd, 1939, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church sent four delegates—one of whom was an official observer. We sent one delegate to the International Missionary Council which met at Madras, India, December, 1938.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church sent its first Missionary, Rev. Andrew Cartwright to Liberia, West Africa, in 1876. He began his work in Brewerville. Outstations were soon organized. In 1896, the late Bishop John Bryan Small, our first Bishop to Africa, visited the Gold

Coast. Among those whom he brought to America for training was J. E. K. Aggrey. His teachers soon discovered that he possessed elemental culture, with a clear and inquisitive mind. By his superior ability, his ready wit and sunny smile, he soon became a leader among his fellows on both sides of the ocean. He later graduated from Livingstone College and Columbia University, and soon after became a teacher in Livingstone College. He was a member of the Phelps Stokes Commission and visited Africa in 1920 and again in 1924, with Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones as leader. Dr. Jones had insisted that Aggrey be a member because of his "African origin, his marked ability as an observer, his broad training in sociology and education, and his constructive attitude towards the perplexing problems of racial relations." He was Africa's most famous citizen and an ambassador of goodwill to the people of Europe, Africa and America. At the time of his untimely death in 1927, Prof. Aggrey was Vice-Principal of the Achimota College at Accra, Gold Coast, the only government school for the higher education of Africans in West Africa. Read "Aggrey of Africa" by Edwin W. Smith:

Edwin Smith has never written anything greater than this book, and it is in some ways unique as a piece of biography. . . . This book is the revelation of a truly great personality, great not only by reason of its gifts, but even more by reason of its grace of spirit and its splendor of motive and aim. . . . No one who has an interest in the missionary cause, or who believes in Christ as the solution of world problems, can possibly miss reading this book.—*Methodist Leader*.

Sir Gordon Guggisberg when Governor of the Gold Coast said:

Aggrey is the finest interpreter which the present century has produced of the white man to the black and of the black man to the white.

He was not merely the champion but the voice of his own people; his life is a challenge to all those who maintain that nothing is to be hoped for from African blood.—*Daily Telegraph*.

If the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church had gained no other achievement in her Foreign Missionary Enterprise, than the finding of Aggrey, and bringing him to America to complete his education, this would fully compensate for all her endeavors.

We now have Missions, Stations and Schools in Liberia, Gold Coast and Nigeria, with a membership of over 20,000 souls. We also have Missions in British Guiana and the Virgin Islands. These friends from overseas greet you, and

pray that God's blessings may rest upon you in your deliberation.

There is the vital problem concerning the Church today in the field of education. Education needs Christ. Without substantial moral foundations a democracy, however educated and intelligent, is a house built upon the sand. Religious education, which has become increasingly conspicuous and effective is one of the most potent forces that God has created for the recreation of his world. There is no need to contrast religious education with evangelism, as if Evangelism could be effective without being educational, and education could be truly Christian without being evangelistic. We hold that the teachings of Jesus must be applied not merely to the individual, but to all economic conditions throughout the world. They must have sway in the whole sphere of personal, social, financial and industrial life. The hour has struck for a great forward movement in the establishment of economic justice throughout the world.

We face as Christian Churches the issue of world peace. It is the most urgent of all our problems, the most imperative, the most critical, the most momentous.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church gives whole-hearted support to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in its effort to promote better race relations in this country. They have asked that Christians "give themselves to the exposition of an opposition to every cruelty and injustice which greed, bigotry and prejudice create." Their efforts should find expression in changing our social attitudes and practices in the following ways:

The Church is called upon to purify herself of the great modern heresy of racial discrimination within her own walls.

Christians must urge the state to furnish equal educational opportunities to all races.

Discrimination in industry based on color, creed or national heritage must end.

Inequitable administration of all forms of social security on the basis of racial differences must be presented.

Hospitals, libraries, parks and all public facilities should be available to persons of all races.

Lynching and mob violence must be wiped out.

Justice before the courts, so frequently denied minority groups, must be guaranteed to all.

The friendly pattern of Christian social life must replace unbrotherly conduct in city and country.

As Christians, we must conquer hate with love. In the

spirit of Christ, the world's Redeemer, we are to break down walls of prejudice and build lasting highways of understanding and bridges for brotherhood.

"Three-fourths of the miseries and misunderstandings of the universe will disappear," says Gandhi, "if only we step into the shoes of our adversaries and understand their viewpoint."

There is the problem of the Christianizing of industry, the building of an industrial brotherhood in a Christian economic order. The master iniquities of our time are connected with money making. They must be overthrown. The exaltation of property values above human values, the problem whether machinery shall dominate men or men dominate standing in individual relationships, the same principle must be applied to our pressing social problems or we can never hope for any adequate solutions. Misunderstanding is a chief barrier to a happy adjustment of the major problems that perplex our civilization. Half of the world does not know how the other half lives. It knows even less about how the other half feels and what it thinks. It has no conception of their mental processes or emotional attitudes of the underprivileged and depressed.

The one who seems to make any vital contribution to the triumph of Christian ideals must be like the Apostle Paul in feeling so intensely the sorrows of others that he cannot see a man or woman wronged without putting himself in the other's place and smarting under the same injury. Here and there are Churches which have sponsored movements for the developing a better understanding of underprivileged groups and of other races and nations, but efforts in this field have been feeble and haphazard. They need to be organized along more comprehensive lines and intensified a million fold.

We are not unmindful of all you have done through the years for the underprivileged, for the minorities, for those whose development has been arrested by circumstances over which they have had no control. We are grateful. We are not mute, we are telling you, we have told others and we will tell our children that they may tell others. We are asking that you continue to carry the torch and lead the way for inter-racial understanding, inter-racial brotherhood and goodwill.

He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win,
We drew a circle that took him in.

You have recently consummated a united Methodism which we trust will break down all sectional barriers—no north, no south, no east, and no west—but the end is not yet. The task is not fully completed. This consummation must continue until Methodists of every race and clime are included. Religious and racial prejudices still confront us in many lands, giving support to intolerance, bigotry, even persecutions and death. We must continue until these evils are destroyed, until inter-racial brotherhood and Christian fellowship is wherever mankind abides. United Methodism can lead the way if we continue to walk in the ways of John Wesley, its founder and Jesus Christ the great Head of the Church.

We are not unmindful of the many champions of human rights and human liberties which your Church has given to the world and to our people in America. We have reason to believe that the late Bishop Simpson of sacred memory did much by giving wise counsel and direction to Abraham Lincoln who broke the bonds of slavery and gave physical freedom to four million of my forebears. We have come to ask you to keep up the fight.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.
Christ the royal Master,
Leads against the foe,
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

Tremendous forces of destruction are at work throughout the world—Communism, Nazism, Fascism, Nationalism, Humanism. Christians everywhere must be engaged in the work of reconstruction, building a new and better world upon the foundation and teachings of Jesus Christ, with God's Word hid in our hearts and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour thy joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free
And make thy temples worthy thee.

We have observed with delight and genuine approval your Forward Movement known as the Methodist Advance

created by your Uniting Conference in Kansas City last year. I listened with interest and pleasure to the address delivered by Bishop Paul B. Kern in a recent meeting in New York City in which he set forth the five objectives of the Methodist Advance Movement:

1. Methodism puts a commanding emphasis on Christian truth brought through into experience. This is the scientific test, and fits our scientific age.

2. Methodism is pledged to an intelligent and fully Christian program of religious education.

3. Methodism is now, and has been from its beginning, concerned to bring its religion of experience through its effective social expression.

4. Methodism has a large catholic outlook. It is neither nationally, racially, nor denominationally conscious.

5. Methodism has an historic passion for evangelism, which, if it has been somewhat neglected for two decades, is coming back again into central recognition.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is also engaged in a Forward Movement, for the extension of God's Kingdom in the earth and for the rebuilding of the waste places in our Connection.

Some have said it cannot happen here. It must happen here. What happened at Aldersgate on May 24, 1728, must happen again in America and elsewhere in 1940—a genuine revival of religion, earnest prayer, obedient service and upright living. May there be a rekindling of fire even here and now in this General Conference which will spread until it reaches the altar of every heart, in every home and in every Church.

We face with you the major movements of our generation that pertain to the kingdom of God. We face with you the non-Christian world. Two facts emerge. The Christian Church never was so much needed as today. Its task was never so difficult. Our task is to do the complicated work of missions on continents seething with social and economic changes in a world in the midst of national, racial, industrial and religious upheaval.

In the face of these challenges, the Church cannot falter. If the Church seems to falter it is our duty to strengthen her sinews. The man of Macedonia seems to have grown dim on the horizon, and the Church seems not to hear his cry. One writer has said that the Church is in the "doldrums." We seem to be spiritually becalmed; the winds of God are not filling our sails. Dr. Mott has said that the spirit of "Defeatism" is upon us. Your Advance Movement and our Forward Movement have come for such a time as this—to advance the spiritual life of the Church, to draw

men and women closer to Christ that will enable them to endure and see Him who is Invisible, and will be urged to make more sacrifices in promoting our educational and missionary enterprises.

The time has come for a greater zeal and new approach in our Christian enterprise. Just as we had to rethink our Foreign Missionary Program, some few years ago, we must redefine our aims and goals at home. This you did at the Uniting Conference held in Kansas City, when by resolution you stated your four objectives:

1. The advancement of the spiritual life of the Church.
2. Increased support of the benevolences.
3. The deepening of the educational and missionary conviction of the Church.
4. A comprehensive and forward looking program in every local Church.

Who knows but that The Methodist Church, with its 8,000,000 members "has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Dr. Robert E. Speer has said: "We must go backward to go forward." "Going backward to go forward," was the subject of an article written by him when requested by an editor of a church paper to write on: "The next great step of a Church." Yes, we must go back to the Upper Room, back to Gethsemane, back to Calvary and to Pentecost.

Today, if we are to realize the hope of an evangelized world and of the Orient brought to Jesus Christ, then the so-called Christian nations, including the United States of America, have to be converted to Jesus Christ. We can never minister unto God unless and until we minister unto our fellow man. The cup of cold water must be first given to suffering mankind if we would hear Jesus say: "Inasmuch as ye did unto one of the least of these, My Brethren, ye have done it unto me." We cannot fasten our eyes upon the good Book, close our ears to the cries of the needy, and "pass by on the other side," while humanity, crushed and bleeding, suffering wrongs and injustice, condemned to poverty in a world of plenty, bought and paid for like slaves upon an open market, cries out to us from the roadside to unheeding ears.

Jesus set a new standard: "As I have loved you, so love ye one another." They who would obey this new demand must love spirituality more than personality. Truth and justice must be their creed, more of Love their need, and unselfishness their aim. History will show that on this basis a nobler civilization can be won, the world freed from human strife.

He is indeed blind who does not see, in spite of all the horrible things that are happening in the world today, that mankind has set its feet on the pathway that leads inevitably to world fellowship. What a glorious part the oncoming generations have to play in making that dream a reality. We must do all we possibly can to preserve this heritage and to pass it on to the coming generations.

My prayer is that the fraternal fellowship between The Methodist Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the other Methodist bodies, will continue to expand until all barriers of religious and racial prejudice have been broken down, when men of all colors and climes are one in Christ Jesus. "That they all may be one; as thou Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one of us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is brotherhood.
For it will bring again to earth,
Her long lost poesy and mirth,
Will send new light in every face,
A kindly power upon the race;
And till it come, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then, clear the way
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path;
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men
Started to build the world again.
To this even the ages ran;
Make way for brotherhood—make way for man!

Robert S. Spencer

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF JAPAN

Bishop Mead, fathers, brothers and sisters of The Methodist Church:

On this historic, and auspicious occasion, it is my high privilege to bring to you the greetings, congratulations and good wishes of the Japan Methodist Church, one of the elder daughters of your faithful work in fulfilling the missionary commission of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In an age when love and brotherhood do not seem to be dominant, but rather divisions and strife threaten to swallow up civilization in fear and destruction, you, by your act of union, have brought to us, and to Christians everywhere, both encouragement and joy. As those children in London, going out into the fearsomeness of the first black-

out, cried out to their father; "Why Daddy, you can see the stars even in London," so, too, we, who live where civilization seems in the process of being blacked-out, have beheld you, our parent Churches, uniting in love, and have seen the stars of God again.

We realize that this, the great reunion of three Churches, has not come without effort, merely as the fruit of some change in the *zeitgeist*. It has come about because, *in spite of difficulties*, you have *willed* to love, to reunite. Your will to love, through the blessing of the loving God, has conquered fears, outweighed secondary values, achieved the victory. And it has brought a great light to us who sit in darkness. There is a better way, as Saint Paul told us; you have found it, and followed it. So to our congratulations we add our deepest thanks, and the earnest prayers of our Church for your further progress in every grace and spiritual beauty.

On such a significant occasion, it was the earnest wish of our Church and its leaders, that we might be represented in this Conference by one of our outstanding men. The Ninth General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church, heretofore, chose the Rev. Minekitsu Hori, Dean Emeritus of the Theological School of Kwansei Gakuin, as Fraternal Delegate, and up to a few weeks ago, Mr. Hori hoped to attend. But for health conditions he felt compelled to relinquish the honor.

Dr. Yoshimune Abe, whom all the Drew men of the 1915 period remember with affection, and who later made for himself a host of friends while traveling with a missionary team in the United States, is now our Episcopal leader. When I met him for conference, just before taking the boat in Yokohama, he spoke to me with deep appreciation of the kind and even urgent invitations which he had received to attend this historic gathering, from Bishop Hughes, Bishop Baker, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. Cram, Dr. Cartwright, and others, and expressed his deep regret that he could not, at this time, leave Japan. As you know, a new Law Governing Religious Bodies has been worked out during the past two years, and went into effect on April first of this year. In the preparation of this measure, Bishop Abe, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council, was a key representative of the Christians of Japan. Both Christian leaders and government officials were unanimously opposed to the thought of Bishop Abe being absent from Japan in this crucial time. He asked me, therefore, to express to those who had so kindly invited him, and to you all, his regret that he could not be with you in per-

son on this historic occasion, and his assurance that his prayers for this General Conference are mingling with yours daily in the incense which rises before the Throne and before the Lamb.

Because of such unusual, and in part unanticipated circumstances, were the credentials given to such an one as I to present the fraternal greeting of the Japan Methodist Church. It is a high privilege, but ever, and especially today, a difficult task for one not a Japanese by blood, to perform adequately. You will understand that the high privilege was accepted with the realization that a son of Nippon should stand here; and that the speaker, when sent on such a mission, must seek to lose himself in his role as a representative of the Methodists in Japan. With such an understanding, I beg leave to tell you, very briefly, of our Church, and its progress under the blessing of God, and with the help you have so faithfully sent.

During the past quadrennium, the Methodist Church of Japan has worked under clouded skies. Even while the Methodist Episcopal Church was gathered in its last General Conference, in May of 1936, we in Japan were laying to rest the mortal remains of our beloved Bishop Motozo Akazawa. He was a deeply spiritual leader, markedly selfless, devoted utterly to the one great task of winning individuals and the social order to a conscious acceptance of the spirit of Christ. Thrice elected to the Episcopal office, he had carried on through that terrible period when your support toward the Church in Japan was suddenly and heavily diminished. As we faced the problem of weak, new churches suddenly left without the financial aid from abroad, I heard him say: "As long as we have a ball of rice to eat, we will tighten our belts, and hold the evangelistic line." How nobly he did this, we of Japan all know. His own salary was secretly divided to probably scores of preachers who had not enough; he stood in the trenches beside us like a common soldier, and carried on. He inspired us all with his indomitable faith. And then, when his matured leadership was needed more than ever—though we did not then know how great was to be that need—he was taken away from us, and given the rest which he had so richly earned. Thus the quadrennium opened, for us in Japan, under the cloud of a deep sorrow.

One of our veteran pastors, the Rev. Tokio Kugimiya, was immediately chosen to carry the Episcopal responsibility, and under his earnest and prayerful leadership we went on into the deeper darkness of the cloud of war which

has now, for almost three full years, hovered over the Orient, and is still there.

It is obviously out of place, on such an occasion, to treat of the war between Japan and China from any political standpoint. But you *are* interested in what the political situation has meant to the Christian Church in Japan, and more especially to the Methodist Church. Last January, at the uniting conference of the three Methodist missionary groups in Japan, Bishop Abe spoke of this situation as follows: I quote:

Turning to the general situation, we are now entering the fourth year of our conflict with China. This is proving a terrific testing of our people. Under its pressures a new Japanese spirit is being aroused. At the same time the traditional prejudice against Christianity has been stirred into new intensity. Fifty years ago persecution was general. It then came from Buddhist and Shinto sources. Today it is more negative in expression, but it comes from society at large, and is harder to meet. To be sure we in Japan proper have not suffered as much as our brethren in Formosa and Chosen, where opposition to Christianity is unrestrained. Nevertheless our Church *has* suffered deeply. The leaders of the National Christian Council have been much concerned as to how to correct the misunderstandings of Christianity. Yet it is in such times as this that the Christian movement has an opportunity of stating its case to the world outside and of reviewing its own inner life. The effect of this tension has been seen both in closer banding together among ourselves for defense, and finding a common cause with sincere Buddhists and Shintoists in overcoming such prejudice. There are some people who think that an appreciation toward the non-Christian faiths is a sign of apostasy, but I do not feel so. All people of sincere religious conviction face common enemies today. We must all resist, each from his own standing ground.

In these sentences Bishop Abe has adumbrated both the difficulties of the situation which the Christian group in Japan has faced, and the hope which many, at least, among its leaders and members, cherish.

Permit me a very few figures to illustrate the depth of the difficulties. In his address to the Annual Conferences, in March, Bishop Abe called attention to the falling off in the number of baptisms, and in the Sunday School work of the Church. For some years the annual number of baptisms in the Japan Methodist Church had numbered over two thousand. In 1935, the figure was 2,078; for 1936, 2,080. In 1937, the year of the outbreak of war, a change became apparent, the total dropping to 2,035. In 1938 it dropped to 1,906, and last year it reached the low point of 1,488.

In the Sunday Schools, a similar record is manifest, except that here, for some reason, the curve downward began slightly earlier. Beginning with 549 Sunday schools in 1935, enrolling a total of 42,087 scholars, we reach a figure

in 1939 of 496 schools, with 37,400 scholars enrolled; a loss of more than 50 schools and almost 5,000 students.

In finances, with the heavy drain of war expenditures both as taxes and as gifts for the relief of suffering, a similar drop would be expected, but the facts do not, happily, sustain the expectation. For while the five-year period which I have reviewed shows a sag, the Japan Methodist Church which, in 1935, gave a total of Yen 365,248, in the year 1939 sacrificed a total of Yen 402,213 for the work of the Kingdom; and the number of self-supporting churches had increased from 102 to 114. During the same period the total membership climbed from 44,000 to 50,000, and the "resident full members," which means the actively mobilized forces of the Church, climbed a little less slowly from 14,314 to 16,261. Perhaps the saddest figures are those which reveal a drop in the number of Christian workers from 642 in 1935, to 609 in 1939; but the decrease in the number of missionaries stands beside the demands of war as causes for this of Love in the earth.

These few figures, with many other currents of which I have neither the time nor the liberty to speak, but which I must leave you to fill in, set before you in outline the picture of a Church, your Church in Japan, embattled; struggling against odds to be true to Jesus Christ, and to continue in the building of His Kingdom in the earth.

Before I turn to the subject of the manner in which, and the spirit with which the Japan Methodist Church is meeting the present and planning for the future, I must pause to mention one other matter vital both to the church in Japan, and to Christians the world over. I refer to the new Law Governing Religious Bodies, which went into effect on April 1, 1940.

It is perhaps a decade since the leaders of the Japanese Government felt the need of some such legal regulation of the many religions and sects existing in Japan. When the total religious situation is considered, such a need can be understood. Several abortive efforts were made to pass a law governing religions; but it at last became clear that such an approach to the question was futile, and the last, and successful approach was made along the line of a Law governing the organizations which carry on religious work. In the setting up of this law, extended consultations have been held with religious leaders of every type, and the final result is a document covering many printed pages, the full meaning of which cannot be known until it is actually put into effect. It is to be expected that such a law should awaken many misgivings, and that these should still exist.

However, the government has gone to great trouble to assemble groups of religious leaders and explain the proposed law in detail, answering questions frankly and fully. While the law is still in the experimental stage, and final judgments are premature, may I suggest some of the features of the law which will perhaps aid in getting a general impression of its effects.

1. This law is aimed at the regulation of the organization of the religious bodies which it recognizes. It definitely recognizes CHRISTIANITY as one of the religions of the Japanese people; a status which that religion has not, up to the present, enjoyed. We now stand before the law on a par with Buddhism and Shintoism. (I refer, of course, to what are known as the Shinto sects; not to what is sometimes called "State Shinto," officially defined as *not* a religion, and handled under an entirely different ministry in the government.) All provisions of the law are therefore to be studied as applying, not alone to Christianity, but to all these religions. There is no longer any special status for Christianity.

2. Religious property is, under this new law, to be entirely exempt from taxation.

3. The tenets of any religious group are left to that group to state, subject always to the provision that they must not be subversive of the peace of the country, or contrary to its fundamental principles.

4. The organization of any religious denomination or sect is stipulated by the law only in certain general matters. Thus, there shall be for each separate denomination some one officer with rather wide authority, directly responsible as the liaison officer with the government authorities. This fits into the episcopal system of the Japan Methodist Church very well.

5. Each group, or each individual Church, submits to the government the rules of its own life, but once these rules are recognized, the government has given notice that it will see that they are lived up to. Thus a pastor who neglects his church membership roll, or the annual election of stewards and trustees, may find his license as a minister revoked. Do I hear some worried District Superintendents breathe a prayer of thanksgiving?

6. Control of the local church and its work is taken out of the hands of the local police, where it has been heretofore, sometimes with not too happy results, in out of the way places where the "traditional prejudice against Christianity" was strong. In each prefecture, or state, there is now a special official, representative of the Department of Education, which handles religious matters. All religious institutions keep their contacts with him, and the means for appeal from him to the Minister of Education are carefully provided for in the law.

7. It will no longer be possible for religionists to open up new work freely, wherever they may wish, but such work may be opened as an outstation of some organized church, with comparative ease. Thus, while church work will call for much of that voluminous reporting which is required of all government-connected institutions in Japan, nevertheless the door of initiative and expansion is not closed.

From this very inadequate statement you will be able to see that while the situation will not be perhaps all that we would like to have, and while much will depend upon the spirit in which the law is administered, one might easily con-

ceive of a far more undesirable regulation of the religious world in Japan. Of this law, Bishop Abe said, in January—and surely, he has been in a position to know, if anyone has—

No doubt you know about the new law regarding religious organizations. It remains to be seen whether this will prove favorable to Christianity or not. But one thing I know. I come and go frequently to the Department of Education, and it is perfectly plain to me that the authorities are favorable to Christianity. In many ways the practical effects of this friendly attitude can be seen. The new law undoubtedly gives recognition and privileges to Christianity which have not been enjoyed before. It is also true that the leaders, both in government and in society at large, are looking to Christianity, as never before, to accomplish great things.

These last words suggest the real opportunity which lies before our Church in Japan, and calls for a closing word regarding the attitude toward the future. In October of 1939, the Ninth General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church was held in Kamakura. It was a future-facing Conference. The leadership of the Church in practically every department, was placed in new and younger hands. One missionary spoke of it as the “revolt of the under-fifties.” That is an exaggeration, doubtless, but there was a general overhauling of the official staff to modernize, to meet the new age, and to administer the new program. Since 1940 is being celebrated as the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, and is hence a date of tremendous significance to all Japanese, a “Two-thousand-six-hundredth Anniversary Movement” was inaugurated, which has as its main drive aggressive evangelistic work, that Christianity may meet the challenge from government leaders and leaders in society, which Bishop Abe mentioned. Dr. Saburo Imai is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of this Movement, and the Laymen’s Organization of the Church—of which I wish I had much time to speak—has undertaken the raising of the budget of Yen 250,000 over the four-year period. Mr. Toshiro Takahashi, head of the Laymen, said, in a letter received just before starting from Japan, that he already had a considerable proportion of this amount subscribed.

Bishop Abe described the 2,600th Anniversary Movement as “the mobilization of the whole strength of the Church” to persuade men, and society, for Christ. Laymen aggressively at work as evangelists, Christian schools definitely Christian in their teaching spirit as well as material, home life based upon and permeated with the spirit of Christ—such are the aims of the Movement. These aims are set forward as the definite patriotic task of the Church.

One especial feature of this Movement is the projection upon the Asiatic Continent of missionary work by the Methodists of Japan. Already several young ministers have gone to the mainland on their own, and two men have been working for over two years, at least partially supported by the Japan Methodist Church. It is aimed to extend this work under the new Movement. We are aware that such a step involves difficulties; that we shall have much to learn. But the day has come when we must be not merely "a receiving Church," but must begin to be a "giving Church," for our own spiritual health. As a pastor of a considerable Japan Methodist Church, during the past two and a half years, my heart has been warmed by the increasing number of prayers for China and the people of China, which the members of that church have offered.

Whatever the future, politically, the Japan Methodist Church is feeling the inner urge of the Spirit of God to gird itself, meet the age with an adequate program, and especially to give of its youth and its faith to others. In this new spirit and movement, we seek, like Wesley, to strike hands with everyone who loves Jesus Christ, and especially with you, our parents, in American Methodism. Bishop Abe definitely announced his purpose of greater co-operation with the Missions and the missionaries, in his January address. On your part, such co-operation calls for a considerable reinforcement of your depleted missionary ranks; a depletion which, as we said, has been one of the major factors in the declining number of Methodist workers in Japan during the past five years. We appeal to you to fill up the gaps, to be patient where you do not understand, and above all to stand by us in prayer. I quote to you Bishop Abe's closing message:

As we face the 2,600th year of our national history, we have much to be thankful for, but we have larger responsibilities and graver problems than we have ever before faced. We must gird ourselves for a stern and solemn effort in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for us.

RETIREMENT SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Delivered Tuesday morning, April 30. See Page 286.)

BISHOP JOHN LOUIS NUELSEN

TRIBUTE OF JOHN A. DIEKMANN (OHIO)

Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference: I deem it a very great honor of which, however, I know myself entirely unworthy, to have been asked to say a word in behalf of Bishop Nuelsen on this occasion of his retirement.

Born on January 19, 1867, John Louis Nuelsen was the son of a parsonage. He was the sixth child to be baptized in Switzerland Methodism. It took place on Conference Sunday, March 30, Bishop Kingsley officiating. It was a strange and a beautiful coincidence that on the thirtieth of March of this year Bishop Nuelsen presided over the same Conference, in the same church in which he had been baptized seventy-four years ago, thus closing his Episcopal service of thirty-two years.

The farewell reception given him by a loyal people on that occasion was a most eloquent testimony of their admiration, love and affection for him. They were saying goodbye not only to their Bishop, but to one who had been a spiritual father of them all.

Educated in the gymnasiums of Karlsruhe and Bremen, Nuelsen came to America at the age of eighteen. He continued his studies in Drew Theological Seminary and Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, Missouri, and later in the universities of Berlin and Halle.

I first heard of Bishop Nuelsen when he was appointed Professor in a little college in St. Paul, Minnesota. Immediately the Church took notice of this young scholar. Through his brilliant lectures at Sunday School and Epworth League Conventions and his profound Bible studies at camp meetings, he directly became a sensation among young and old.

At the General Conference of 1908 he was elected Bishop on the first ballot and by an overwhelming vote; one of the youngest men ever elected to that high office. His first assignment was the Omaha Area. Nothing much happened during that quadrennium. Nuelsen cautiously watched his step; watched his colleagues, emulating their virtues and avoiding their mistakes. He applied himself diligently to the mastery of two booklets, *Robert's Rules of Order* and

that little black book known as *The Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church*. As a result of this study he soon became a recognized authority on parliamentary procedure and a skillful Chairman at sessions of Annual and General Conferences. The dear brethren with a point of order superiority complex got no chance when Nuelsen presided.

At the General Conference of 1912 Bishop Nuelsen was sent to Europe as the resident Bishop over the Zurich Area, which at that time comprised our entire work in Europe from Scandinavia to Northern Africa. Never has The Methodist Church made a wiser and a more providential appointment than that; and little did the young Bishop dream that this appointment in a few short years would bring crushing burdens, tragical responsibilities and heart-breaking experiences to his life. No Christian statesman has ever served a quarter of a century through more trying and difficult days, nor has ever one served more courageously, wisely and faithfully.

Among the many great achievements that grace Bishop Nuelsen's career in Europe, I can here mention only two. First, he put Methodism on the map with the scholars of Germany. A master of languages and a scholar of recognized international reputation, he was immediately greeted by them as their equal. They invited him to lecture in their universities; they read his books and it dawned upon their prejudiced minds that Methodism was not merely a religious sect, that it was a glorious religious movement. The theological magazines and the Church historians who formerly had little else than ridicule for Methodism, now began to speak of it in terms of respect and high regard. Nuelsen, indeed, was an ambassador of Methodism to the theological world of Europe; and more, he was an ambassador of true Americanism to the peoples of the Old World.

In the second place, Bishop Nuelsen rendered incomparable service far beyond the bonds of our Church through his books. He has a list of some twenty volumes to his credit; all of them the product of careful scholarship and many of them demanding a tremendous amount of research work in their preparation. How this man, incessantly lecturing and preaching, constantly traveling and performing a multitude of administrative duties found time to write these books, remains an amazement to his friends.

As a teacher Bishop Nuelsen was never pedantic; always inspirational as a scholar he united brilliancy with solidity; as a theologian he was not a straightlaced fundamentalist, thank God! Nor a negating modernist, thank God again, and with emphasis! He always was an essentialist. The

great verities of God and the central doctrines of Christology ever were the burden of his message in spoken word and written.

While many and great honors came to this man of God, his life was not spared heartbreaking sorrows. I mention only one. The death of his lovely companion, Luella Nuelsen, in 1933, a woman of delightful spirit and beautiful charm, left him a lonely and, separated from his children who lived in America, a lonesome man.

And now at the age of seventy-four years, after thirty-two years of strenuous and apostolic service as a Bishop in The Methodist Church, he comes to this General Conference asking for retirement. Honored, loved and revered by the Methodism of two continents, it is the fervent prayer of the entire Church, Bishop Nuelsen, that you may, relieved now of administrative duties, linger long among your brethren and that it may be bright, very bright, for you at eventide.

TRIBUTE OF FERDINAND ZIGG (SWITZERLAND)

Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference: When in 1912, Bishop John L. Nuelsen, born in Zurich, Switzerland, as a son of one of the first Methodist Missionaries to Europe, came back as an ambassador of Christ and of his beloved Methodist Church, the first thing we felt about this new Bishop was his complete understanding of the problems and hopes of the various national churches. There was from the beginning until that day when a United States liner brought this splendid leader definitely back home, a wonderful co-operation with all the forces at work in his Area.

Bishop Nuelsen has given to Europe, and especially to Central and Southeastern Europe, twenty-eight years of most efficient, devoted and consecrated service. He had to spend his life in a very critical time, since his Area was suffering from terrific wars since his appointment, beginning with war in the Balkans in 1912 and ending his term with still lasting World War No. 2.

In those days of national strain and uncertainty we looked at our Bishop with full confidence and admiring love. His amazing capacity for hard work marked him out as a man destined to attain to a place of high responsibility.

Bishop Nuelsen has been a tireless worker, traveling constantly over the wide stretches of his Area, responding to the call of small churches as well as large ones. In his dealings with the preachers and the people, he has always been a Christian gentleman. His knowledge of the policy, traditions, customs and laws of the Church has been enlightening.

Bishop Nuelsen knew always what to do and what to say and in a most gracious manner led through underbrush and thickets into daylight. Besides his various duties, he has always had time to give a patient and sympathetic hearing to those who came to see him and needed his help and his comfort.

After the World War Europe had to face a terrible economic situation; countries full of starvation and distress. Into this overwhelming situation, Bishop Nuelsen entered with constructive planning. His appeal to the Mother Church was answered with royal giving and as a result, the Methodist Child Welfare Work was organized and rendered a unique service.

Bishop Nuelsen has always been concerned for souls, for building up the spiritual life and the cultivation of inner resources. It was like a symbol when, during his recent trip to America, the Italian customs inspector dug in the Bishop's suitcases, discovering all at once a yellow envelope containing, to his surprise, a strange book, of course not yet confiscated—the Greek New Testament.

Back of this efficient administrator was still the professor of Biblical literature and language. His deep and vital religious experience, his solid foundation in all doctrinal matters and his various publications, made a remarkable contribution to overcome the criticism of European State Church leaders, who still classified Methodism in continental Europe as a foreign sect.

We have to give full credit to Bishop Nuelsen, as a member of the various interdenominational organizations, for bringing the State Churches to a better understanding and appreciation of Methodism as a Free Church.

Bishop Nuelsen was a wanderer between two worlds—the world of the magnificent Stars and Stripes and the world of European confusion. But there is a strong Methodist Church, still rendering its service to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bishop Nuelsen has prevented our work in the last years from shrinking back into nationalism. I wonder whether he will, after the storm, get homesick, longing for the beautiful sceneries in Switzerland, for the churches he has inspired and blessed so abundantly. And there is that still, silent, shady corner up in the hills of Zurich where the Bishop left his most gracious companion, Central European Methodism's First Lady, whose poise and charm we will never forget.

At the General Conference in 1932, upon Bishop Nuelsen's request, those great windows here were uncurtained, flooding this hall with the radiance of sun and sea. "Let this

represent," Bishop Nuelsen said, "our spirit as we go out as light bearers into the dark world."

To meet this your request, dear Bishop Nuelsen, just now, as European Methodists, may be a token of gratitude and love for all you have done for us in those trying times.

We thank God for your life and leadership.

BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES

TRIBUTE OF HARRY W. BURGAN (BALTIMORE)

It is a high privilege to speak a word for the Washington Area in behalf of Bishop Hughes.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1932, held in this city, the Committee on Episcopacy in its report on "Retirement of Bishops for Age" presented the name of Bishop William Fraser McDowell. This prince of churchmen, Bishop Beloved, at the close of that Conference left the Washington Area as its active head, but he carried with him the admiration and affection of the people who had had the privilege of fellowship with him during his residence there.

Who would follow in the noble apostolic succession of Cranston and McDowell was a question which had been asked frequently during the preceding weeks. And always within and without the Area but one answer was given—Edwin Holt Hughes.

With real satisfaction and joy the delegates from the Area, at the close of that Conference, heard the name of Bishop Hughes read for residence in Washington. It was with high expectation and genuine delight that both ministers and laymen welcomed him as our chief pastor. We opened to him our hearts as well as our churches and our homes and he walked right in, not hesitating on the threshold.

For eight years he has lived with us and has worked among us and I come this morning to report that he has not disappointed us. If some other Bishop were retiring from our Area this year and Bishop Hughes were to remain active, knowing all that we have learned about him through intimate contact, we would unanimously ask for his assignment to Washington and the two groups which have come to our original group in the process of forming a United Methodism would not be satisfied with second and third places in this call.

Linking the names of McDowell and Hughes vividly brings to the minds of many of us the delightful and brotherly relationship sustained between these two Bishops while

they lived together in Washington. We were happy to know that Bishop McDowell had planned to continue to live among us. We rejoiced in the coming of Bishop Hughes. We have been inspired by the way predecessor and successor lived together, and set an example to all the Area pastors as to how in this holy calling of ours we may follow one another in identical fields of labor, and cause the laity to comment:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

When Bishop Hughes came to Washington Mrs. Hughes was with him. At that time she said it was a great sorrow to her that on account of failing health she could not stand shoulder to shoulder with him in the work of the Area. But partial restoration for a time did give her an opportunity to do some of the things she longed to do. She gave her support to the various institutions in the Area. She showed a vital interest in the women's work through the missionary societies. Her charming personality and gracious hospitality endeared her to the parsonage families. Her genuine pleasure over the joys that came to them added to their happiness. Her gentle and motherly sympathy comforted and enfolded them when sorrow came to their home. As we speak of Mrs. Hughes we cannot forget with what faithful loving care the daughter, Caroline, ministered to her mother throughout the period of her illness. Her love and devotion must have been a cup of strength to her parents in their hours of anxiety and suffering. The Bishop's bearing in the time of bereavement revealed, as no words ever could, his personal faith in a risen Christ and the immortality of the soul.

Bishop Hughes, as an administrator and counselor, renders large service to the Area. (Note that I use the present tense for he is still our Bishop.) The Washington Area is especially notable for the many institutions within its bounds; the Baltimore Conference alone has twenty-one. This calls for many meetings. The Bishop's counsel is always sought, and this alone is a drain on a man's time and energy. He always responds when it is possible and on every occasion shows interest and sympathy and meets the situations that arise with tact and skill. When debate becomes confused or hasty and unconsidered action threatens, out comes the Bishop's pencil and he begins to write. In a few moments he has gathered together the sentiments expressed and has placed on paper in a simple motion what seems to be in the minds of all present. Unanimous action

usually follows, and the meeting passes to the next item of business. His ready wit eases many a situation. His sense of humor is keen, his replies quick, but always without sting. Speaking of him in this capacity, Doctor Cherrington has this to say with regard to Bishop Hughes' contribution to the Board of Temperance (which is located at the nation's capital):

As the President of the Board, the contribution which Bishop Hughes has given is of a high order. His brotherly and generous attitude has been most helpful to those of us who have been privileged to have the benefit of his counsel and of his active co-operation. It would be difficult to over-estimate the real value of the relationship which he has sustained to this Board and to the temperance cause.

In addition to his ability as a counselor and administrator, Bishop Hughes is blessed with the gift of forceful and eloquent preaching. He is constantly and eagerly sought after not only by our own Methodist Churches but by churches of all denominations for all types of platform service. With deep earnestness of conviction, with touches of scintillating wit, and tender pathos, he preaches the unsearchable riches of Christ. We who hear know that we have fallen under the spell of a great preacher. In his preaching and passion we know him pre-eminently as an evangelist. In a communication to his preachers a few days ago, one which he thought of as probably his last official word to them, he wrote:

"Let us press evangelism. It has been the open secret of Methodist history. Make up your prayer list, and then work for those for whom you pray."

With strength of purpose he has dedicated his voice and pen to the support of moral issues, some of which are not popular in these latter days. Others may soften their voices and speak with bated breath in denunciation of the revived legalized liquor traffic, but not Edwin Holt Hughes. Courageously, at the heart of the nation, and throughout the land, he has taken his stand along with the fathers who from the earliest days of Methodism shouted from the housetops that the sale of strong drink could not be legalized without sin. In connection with the desecration of the Lord's Day he ever has been ready to issue the note of warning, and to urge that America keep the Sabbath Day holy.

In any word of appreciation of Bishop Hughes' prominent place must be given to the fine leadership he has rendered in the matter of unification. To borrow a phrase applied to freeborn Garrettson in the early days of American Methodism, "Like an arrow" he has sped across the country, driven by a passion to help make the divided followers of

John Wesley become one people. By his winsomeness and eloquence he has played a large part in helping to weld together that portion of the Lord's hosts known as Methodists. During the same time in his own Area he has shown by precept and example the way to brotherhood and unity.

His Area is on the border. In this section the problems growing out of unification are both delicate and numerous. In this locality, unification faces its severest test. However, it can be truthfully said that the Methodists are meeting the situation in a spirit of holy fellowship, and with a unity of purpose which bids fair to make a large contribution toward answering our Lord's Prayer when, appealing to the Heavenly Father he voiced the yearning of his own soul for his people in the words:

That they all may be one: That the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

This harmony is due in very large measure to the man who will all too soon be given the retired relation as a Bishop in The New Methodist Church. It is not surprising that long before the Uniting Conference met all three branches of Methodists in our territory were referring to Bishop Hughes as "our Bishop." Nor is it passing strange that in the most confused Methodist field perhaps in the connection Methodists, as a united body, can sing as lustily as any of you:

We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

My brethren of the other former groups want to hear testimony in support of what has just been stated. So I quote from Dr. Sexmith, who was President of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at the time of union:

Bishop Hughes, known so well throughout the Christian Church, has always been esteemed by the Methodist Protestant Church, for his eloquence and Christian statesmanship, but his genial personality, wise guidance and brotherly kindness in all matters pertaining to Methodist Union have especially endeared him to both our ministry and laity. We honor him as a true man of God, a brother beloved, and are loathe to see him retire from the active leadership of the new Church.

To this word must be added that of Dr. Beery, Presiding Elder of the Washington District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the time of the merger:

In the Washington Area there are in all probability more difficulties and problems occasioned by the union of Methodism than in any

other section of the Church. Leaders and people, however, faced the future in the confidence that Bishop Hughes would inevitably weld us into one people. And he has done just that. The ability and grace with which he carries the tremendous responsibilities of his office, and the dignity and humility with which he wears the mantle of illustrious leadership have consummated another laudable achievement. Methodists here are one people.

Methodism has been fortunate to have Bishop Hughes in Washington at this time of church reorganization, as it is to be congratulated upon having at the capital of the United States during this period of national unrest and international strife a leader who by no word or act has embarrassed the Church in relation to the nation, or on the other hand, made the Church appear subservient to the State.

We voice this morning our sense of loss at the thought of his leaving the Washington Area as its chief pastor. We are glad, however, that he will continue to live among us. We are confident he will be more active than ever in Kingdom business. Our prayer is for God's richest blessing to be upon him personally, and upon all that he undertakes to do for his beloved Methodism in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TRIBUTE OF HORACE G. SMITH (ROCK RIVER)

Bishop and fellow members of the General Conference: I find it hard to exercise the appropriate restraint as I stand here to speak concerning this man whom you have honored so often before, for he has been to me as he has been to thousands of other men, a friend and a brother. He has often talked to me with the frankness of a certain kind of uncle, and has sometimes treated me with that mingled tenderness and sternness which the fatherly Paul showed toward the young Timothy. I speak, therefore, out of love and loyalty.

I could easily take all the time allotted to refer to this great preacher of our Methodism who has carried in his heart throughout all the years the spirit of a pastor evangelist. He has witnessed many changes in the form of evangelism but has ever kept its purpose true. The stream of his preaching has widened, but the central current has remained the same.

I could take all the time to talk about his distinguished College Presidency, where during a brief period he won for his institution many friends who in later years have turned millions into its treasury. But over and above that, which too often is the hallmark of a successful College Presidency, he exercised the power and influence of a Christian pastor among students and faculty. By the sheer

weight of his influence he won many students to the Christian life and turned not a few into the way of our ministry.

Once more, I could take all the time allotted to speak about these long years of his Episcopal administration. He was given the terrific responsibility of appointing ministers to the churches, an authority which he has exercised with high dignity and with brotherly restraint. He has, however, done something more than send men to their appointments. He has sent them out with a renewed love for the Church, with a deepened ardor to preach the everlasting evangel, and with greater courage to work for the building of the Kingdom of God.

One could easily spend the minutes assigned dealing with what Carlyle speaks of as the mystery of the "speaking man," the strange quality of our relationship by which hundreds and thousands sometimes listen while one man speaks the eternal word. How often we have seen him cast the spell of his influence over great multitudes. The witchery of his words and the haunting cadences of his voice, the persuasion of his own passion, has often led great numbers to accept the ideals he advocated and to endorse the causes he would promote.

But all these things are after all a part of the great tradition of our Church. They are known and read by all men. They belong to the written and the unwritten record. Like the ministry of McDowell and Simpson, they become a part of our high and holy history.

I turn away from all this, therefore, to speak of another matter and to pay tribute to those who helped to make him what he was and what he is and what he will be. It was no accident that on the last Sunday morning Bishop Hughes preached on "The Succession Ordained of God." As I came into this room I knew that it would be either some great message challenging us to love the Church or some great word about the sacred relationships of the family tie.

How often has he told us how much he owed to the generation before him and the generation following after him. Have we not often heard him speak of that? I am sure that I shall recognize some of that family in the celestial world though I never saw them in the flesh—for instance, the stalwart pioneer preacher father who looked so much like a Bishop that a stranger hailed him on the train asking if he were a Bishop, and he said, "No, I am not a Bishop, but I am the father of two Bishops."

Three times I have stood beside this man in the loneliness that follows after the severing of earthly ties. I know how deeply and closely these roots have grown around about his

heart. I heard read the lovely tribute he wrote for his mother, and I read the lovely tribute he wrote concerning his daughter, the great out-pouring of the love of a son for his mother and a father for his child, a glad recognition that while he had given something he had received ever so much more.

But I speak yet of one other in the family group. Some fourteen years ago the Bishop appointed me to the church where the Episcopal residence was located. I went to the appointment with hope and expectation, and, I fear, just a little pride. I quickly made two discoveries. The first was that any man who ministered to a Bishop, especially one like Bishop Hughes, was faced with the same handicap that the Church faces as it tries to minister to the migratory workers. He was always on the wing, always on the go. My only hope was in that form of spiritual care known as "absent treatment," and not having very much faith in the power of mind over matter, my services were not very effective.

But quickly I made another discovery. While Bishop Hughes was always away, Mrs. Hughes was always at home. What it meant to have her in the residence there, only those who have shared in that privilege can know. Mrs. Smith and I early learned that whatever tempest might arise in the Church teapot, we could go there, sure of a happy haven and a place of quiet and calm. When once you crossed that threshold, you were in the presence of hospitality that was neither a science nor an art, but the gracious outflowing of a heart of love and of devotion.

Sometimes I have heard Bishop Hughes playfully refer to the fact that at home he lived under sort of a "matriarchal monarchy." I soon discovered that such was actually the case. There all Episcopal authority was set aside. Episcopal decisions were overruled and no appeal made. It was the great and loyal recognition of a wisdom that grew out of a woman's intuition and a woman's devotion. For nearly half a century she walked the itinerant road with him, and graced every occasion in which the high destiny of his ministry called her to share with him.

When, by and by, he stands up to receive your accolade of applause, I myself shall assume that no small part of it is for her. And the three sons and the two daughters who are here will probably see standing by their father a frail form in whom dignity became "something to be wondered at," and who in her last days made me think of these lines:

Like a white candle in a holy place
So is the beauty of an aged face.

And so, my dear friend, Bishop Hughes, you come now to another milestone in this long and great ministry of yours. You have always magnified every position to which the Church has assigned you. You have glorified every office the Church gave you. Somewhat wistfully we are looking forward with expectation and with faith that in this new relationship you will magnify the position which you are to hold in the years to come. If to you it seems that the Church is divesting you of some Episcopal powers, they are doing it in order that you may be set free to exercise that larger work of a Bishop, to study the hearts of ministers, to quicken the passion of Methodism into a great new love for the Church, to champion with that clarion voice of yours the great causes you love, to escape from the barriers of Area restrictions, and become a Bishop of *all* the Church.

So, with something of filial devotion I close by saying, "God bless you," as he has in the past, and make of you a blessing.

BISHOP EDGAR BLAKE

TRIBUTE OF ORIEN W. FIFER (INDIANA)

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference: Believe it or not, from the time of my boyhood to the present hour, I have seen or known more or less intimately 125 Methodist Bishops. They have been of all varieties which the *Discipline* has named during the years past. But among that long mountain range of Episcopal heights, 156 years in length, I have discovered not one of the 125 like Edgar Blake. He is unique, indefinable, indescribable, unparalleled. His very uniqueness has been one element in his rise to greatness in Methodism.

I do not believe he himself ever has mastered the course of study concerning his own personality. He never has lived in the realm of uniformity or unanimity. The ruling philosophy of his life has been antagonism to the yes, yes, policy.

It seems almost incredible that he has come to this hour of recognition. It seems only yesterday that some of us saw him as the fair-haired boy in the General Conference, especially of 1908. We dimly realized then what destiny had in store for him. To me he seems as young as he appeared the first day I saw him on that platform, or at least as young as he appeared when he came to Indianapolis in 1928.

If he shows any sign of increasing age at the present time, do not blame it upon the Indianapolis Area, where he

first presided over an American Area, but upon his experiences anent the reverberations exchanged between Henry Hitt Crane and Merton S. Rice, or the experiences on the streets and in the factories among the automobile magnets of the city of Detroit.

His youth reminds me of two very significant facts. The story of Edgar Blake's decision to be a Christian minister, the experiences concerning his first pastorate when he was a student in the Boston University School of Theology, represent a story which I wish many young men today who are afflicted with certain complexes about the abundant life or the abundant opportunity could read. I am speaking of a man today who had little opportunity—at least of unusual character—and came to this revered position in spite of adversities and hardships. Some of the burdens of his life he has borne with the courage of a stoic, the endurance of a man of steel.

Back there in that pastorate in the St. Paul Church of Manchester, New Hampshire—and I trust I am not violating a sacred confidence when I speak of this incident—he was offered an opportunity to enter another profession than the ministry, the profession of the law, and enter into the employment of a legal firm at a promised salary far exceeding any he has received in the Episcopal office, but he was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. Yet I would say that had he accepted that invitation, for reasons which would have been sufficient to himself, he would not now, probably, be planning to reside in future years among the palms and along the sea sands of Florida, but would be established in that marble palace in Washington where a period beyond seventy years is counted young among some of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

He came to the Indianapolis Area; and, ecclesiastically, his Episcopacy and that Area were twins. Both were created in that historic General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1920, the action of which is best described by those who are critical as an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Episcopacy.

He spent eight years in France, immediately after the wreck and the wrath of the World War. It was first, I think, called the Mediterranean Area, later the Paris Area. Out of those experiences for eight years, he came to the Indianapolis Area and I would not dare return home without a bodyguard if I failed to call your attention to the fact that that Area is the crossroads of America and the center of population of the United States.

He brought to that Area a unique program. It was in a

day when everybody was asking for objectives and programs and, with high appreciation for all that had gone before, some of us were asking, "What is your program?"

Remembering European conditions, remembering ideals of good will and brotherhood, he said at the very start, "I have but one program and that is a program of friendship." That marked his Episcopal career in that Area.

In administration he had that unique art. He could give a disappointed brother at the other end of the ecclesiastical poker a disappointing appointment but at the same time, the Episcopal authority kept smiling. He never frowned and that smile gave ability on the part of the man appointed to go to his place in a considerable greater state of sanctification.

I must refer for a moment to the kindly, courteous, social life of his home. Out of that home in our Area went those influences which made the humble and the high and the upper rank and lower rank so-called, of pastors, feel an atmosphere of kindness, of appreciation, which long will be remembered.

I do not try to draw any parallel between him and others. I know all these men of honor in the Church deserve great unity. This is not a retirement service in a way; it is a recognition service from men and women of the Indianapolis Area. He served us before that fateful Conference which met in this room ran what Brother Perkins terms the "steam roller" over our new Area and gave us half a Bishop, dividing with Detroit. We found efficiency and industry and fidelity beyond measure.

So great was the capacity of this man, who was not to be ranked in physical size with Bishop McMurtry or Bishop Peck or Bishop Goodsell, that we found it sufficient for our needs, with our co-operation, and we had a great time, even though he lived in Detroit.

It may be in some long distant day, we pray, when the hues of some future sunset shall be falling upon his day of life, he may disappear from our mortal gaze, but he will not be climbing snowy, stormy slopes of Mount Everest, but rather those sublime, golden heights of immortality and even then—and to our joy—he will be following his life-long habit, still climbing.

TRIBUTE OF HENRY H. CRANE (DETROIT)

Mr. Chairman and brethren: To say that I am unduly honored to have this opportunity of representing the Detroit Area in this expression of affection for Bishop Blake would be all too trite. I am that, of course, but much more; I am

both humbled and hilarious. I have been waiting for a chance like this for years—a chance to say to the largest and most worthy audience that could be assembled, something of what I think of my resident Bishop.

But there are several disconcerting factors that somewhat cramp my style: First, this tantalizing time limit. The proverbial homiletical allotment of thirty minutes in which to raise the dead is no limitation at all compared to ten minutes in which to lay away the most utterly alive man I know. But I will stay within the circumscribed time, brethren. Let no man rise to a point of order!

This ritual, by the way, of Episcopal burial, is in sad need of drastic revision. It has one major obvious fault: It so frequently insinuates itself into use with such embarrassing prematurity. There is something almost ludicrous about this business of retiring a man who at the conventional age limit of three score years and ten is actually much younger in mind and spirit, and even in vigor of body, thank God, than many men two decades his junior. But rules are rules and we must not bend them, I suppose, or they might break and we would be leaving some who should be retired, still tired and unrested.

I recently heard of a man who wrote his own epitaph. I repeat it here because of its obvious appropriateness. It read, "I expected this, but not so soon."

In the second place, I am somewhat disconcerted by the fact that I don't quite know, any more, how to tell a man right to his face, that I love him. For recently there seems to have been developing a new connotation to this ancient Christian declaration. Nowadays, I discover, when you want to give a brother a good, vigorous, verbal kick in the shins, you are supposed to wrap up the wallop in a preliminary protestation of great affection. But after all, it really doesn't matter much, I suppose, for I understand that the one unpardonable sin a lover can commit is to make love as though he knew how. Confessedly a bungler, therefore, in this matter, I none the less revel in the delight of trying to declare some of the reasons for the affection that is within me toward my Bishop.

First of all, he got himself born in the right place; the same hamlet, mind you, in which my oldest son was born; in fact, the same notorious neighborhood in which I started my own ministry. It is a remarkable town, is Gorham, Maine, in which to make a start either in life, or in one's life work. Remarkable for this reason: If you can survive the first two years of what you get there, nothing can kill you off after that. The rockbound state of Maine, to say

nothing of its rockribbed Republicanism, puts you to so many severe tests of body, mind and soul that it kills off the weaklings and strengthens those who manage to survive.

Those of us who have watched this Maine-born man in times of terrific testing, when the storms of contention and strife have surged around him and the lightnings of criticism and condemnation have stabbed the darkness of the misunderstanding that encircled him, have witnessed that which made us stand at attention and instinctively salute, for here was an utterly unterrified, undismayed, present-day prophet of a living God in whom he had perfect confidence and whose mighty messages he never hesitated to proclaim.

It does something to the soul of a preacher when he senses such spiritual strength in his Bishop. He does more than respect him; he adores him.

The basic virtue, after all, is courage, isn't it? Lacking that, nothing else matters very much. But when it is there, it puts power in every other character quality a man possesses. No other virtue in the category is universally recognized as such. Only courage. Everybody, everywhere, admires it. And when you find it in your Bishop it is somehow peculiarly admirable.

But courage without kindness, courtesy and gentleness may be easily perverted into cruelty. Some men think they are being brave when they are really being cruel, even though unintentionally. It is a very human foible, this, and who of us is not susceptible? I rather think that the only real safeguard against it is a sort of super-saturation of fundamental kindness; for when you know a man is basically kind, you know full well he always wants to be fair, and then, whatever he does that may for the nonce appear to be harsh, you feel instinctively his action will eventually work out for the best. Such a man you trust, as well as admire; and such a man is my Bishop.

Then, there is another thing that endears him to all who know him: with his courage and his kindness, he is intelligent. That comes pretty near being the perfect triad, I should say. It is very meet, right and the bounden duty of a Bishop, we understand, that he be pious—even more pious than a preacher I presume. But such a virtue, great as it is, cannot completely compensate for stupidity. An awful lot of sorrow and sin in this world comes not so much from any deep-seated viciousness, as from too much naivete, or even downright dumbness.

It is a glorious thing to have a Bishop who, to use the vernacular, actually knows his way around, knows what it is all about, has an eye to the essentials, can discriminate

between what is really worth while and what is inconsequential, leaving the latter alone and to the former giving his consecrated best. When such a man is brave, he is brave about something that really matters; when he fights, he tackles real issues and uses only Christian techniques and tactics; when he talks, he speaks unequivocally, in understandable language, on subjects of superlative significance; and when he prays he doesn't entertain an audience, he gets in touch with God.

But best of all, under all, over all, and through all, this Bishop of mine is profoundly Christian—not simply in the conventional sense in which all of us are more or less Christian, but in the sense of knowing the mind of Christ, and actually having his spirit. Utterly natural, always, with an incorrigible and infectious sense of humor, democratic and brotherly, God-blessedly human, he follows his Master with a loyalty and love that is an inspiration to more than he will ever know. Grandly old-fashioned in his convictions, brilliantly up to date in his opinions, and gloriously ahead of his times in his ideals, he is my idea of what a Bishop ought to be, and I wish I could be in his Area forever.

A certain brilliant, contemporary poet puts my sentiments in more adequate form than any poor prose of mine could ever do.

We cannot see the greatness of this man
 He is too near.
 But time, and separation, and the longer view
 Shall make it clear.
 We cannot see how great he is, and yet,
 That he is good
 Is plain to each of us! A simple fact,
 And understood
 Because he mirrors what is best in us
 What we would be,
 Our very selves, if we could but attain
 Nobility!
 Possessed of dreams, the music of the spheres,
 A silver symphony, is in his heart!
 So rapt his listening, it well might be
 His soul should dwell in regions quite apart
 From our so sordid world! Possessed of dreams,
 He might be unaware of hate and fear,
 Of bitterness and woe that make the lives
 Of common men discordant! But one clear
 Insistent note of love has marked the theme
 Of his imagings. His is no sleep,
 And no forgetting of a troubled world.
 But, dreaming beauty, his mind still can keep
 Its pity for all ugliness; his hands
 Still grope to touch the baffled hands of others
 Who have no vision; and his heart still yearns
 To lift the heavy hearts of these his brothers!

Finally, and with climatic emphasis, may I say, there is only one thing about Bishop Blake that is a wee bit better than all the rest of him, and that is his greatly loved wife, Mrs. Blake. Our affectionate gratitude to them both for all they have done for us, and for all that they are.

BISHOP CHARLES LAREW MEAD

TRIBUTE OF LOREM M. EDWARDS (COLORADO)

Mr. Chairman, Bishop, members of the Conference: This present task is both difficult and easy. Difficult, because as I attempt to give public utterance to my affection and esteem for my long time friend Bishop Charles Larew Mead, the unrestrained emotions of the heart tend to overflow all proper bounds. Easy, because this testimonial is offered without the slightest mental reservations. Some persons are seen to advantage when viewed from afar, others reveal their true character only when long intimacy polishes the surface of casual contact. Certain talents function most efficiently in routine objection, others flash their beauty and effective grace only when oiled with the Gilead balm of brotherly kindness.

This word of appreciation of Bishop Mead rises from the proving ground of that delicate trial of character in which one man enters into the heritage bequeathed to him by his predecessor. Charles L. Mead was swept out of the pulpit of Trinity Church in Denver on the lyrical honors of his election to the Episcopacy in 1920.

I was appointed to follow him in that pulpit and parish; he repeated that appointment for twelve consecutive years. In his assignment to the Denver Area a most unusual thing had happened. For the only time in our Northern branch of Methodism this new Bishop was assigned for residence to the Area, the Conference and the city from which he had been elected.

In such a situation either of two courses might have been feared. The new Bishop, with fresh honors upon him, might have risen about his former colleagues with a superior pride, lording it over God's heritage. Or, with an oppressive sense of familiarity among his former colleagues, he might have sought to hide the fact that the Episcopal statue of gold still had feet of clay. Neither fear had any foundation in fact. Instead, he maintained in proper balance and kindly spirit the difficult relation of administrative head of the Area over ministers who had been his fellow workers and over laymen who had been his parishioners

and who knew his Christian name as well as they recognized his Christian spirit.

Plato once sighed for an ideal state in which kings might be philosophers and philosophers might be kings. The Denver area became enough of an ideal ecclesiastical state that a brother became the Bishop and the Bishop remained a brother. As his successor my relations with Bishop Mead have approached the ideal also, never marred by patronizing officialism on the one hand nor tainted with petty jealousy on the other.

Mrs. Mead remained with her family as members of the Trinity congregation, retaining her pew at the request of the family of the new pastor, that she might continue with her children in the pew in which they had been accustomed to worship. She continued to teach her large class of young women, and moved about in the activities of the congregation efficiently, devotedly, admitting to a loving and intimate fellowship the wife and family of the man who then became her pastor. When such relations can be sustained at high levels for a dozen years and more, when mutual esteem and personal regard grow more tender and precious with the passing years, when no single act or attitude can be cited to mar the spiritual loveliness of Christian fellowship and religious service, then Christian character is seen to wear the crown of brotherly good will and unselfish devotion as beautiful as it is pure.

Bishop Mead continued to administer with growing efficiency the work of the Denver Area for twelve years. For another innovation came when the Area requested that the customary eight years of service be lengthened by another quadrennium. In his six years as Trinity pastor and his twelve years as Episcopal administrator, Bishop Mead carved upon the Rocky Mountain region a record of apostolic zeal, inspired prophetic speech, creative progress and kindling good will that will be an abiding saga of spiritual conquest for all time to come.

At the session of the General Conference held in Atlantic City in 1932 the proposed list of Episcopal assignments indicated the Kansas City Area as his new field. And now for eight years he has gone up and down that mid-continental Area, the very embodiment of that prophetic portrait of Isaiah, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that sayeth unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."

On the eve of the announcement of the Episcopal assignments at that 1932 Conference, I was asked to appear before

the Kansas City Area delegation to predict what might be expected from their new Bishop. This inquiry was focused on the fact that some time previously Bishop Mead had been critically ill from a heart attack. My reply was based on what we had known and seen of him in Colorado after his wonderful recovery.

I could assure the delegation that some day the Bishop's mighty heart might fail. But they need have no fear of having a sick Bishop on their hands, for he would go straight ahead with a full schedule of his Episcopal labors until, at the same moment, he ceased to work and breathe.

The history of these eight years has validated this prediction, so far as energy and devotion to his tasks are concerned. So that when reassignments of Bishops came up at the Uniting Conference, the Kansas City and the Denver Areas found themselves in a contest of pressing invitation for the remaining period of the Bishop's official activity.

Our hopes in Colorado continue on past his retirement and envisage Bishop and Mrs. Mead living once more within sight of the mountains they loved, until the day when the mountains themselves may silence the pulsebeats of loving hearts, long dedicated to the task of making that part of the earth in very truth the Kingdom of God.

In strength of physical appearance, in alertness of mind, in eagerness of spirit, Bishop Mead belies his seventy-two years of age and challenges any calendar which suggests the ritual for retirement. Thus we expect activity from him for many years, as he passes into that later and maturer term of life which confidently is the best that is to be, the last of life for which the first was made.

Bishop Mead, distinguished preacher, effective administrator, dearly beloved brother and friend, in this word of appreciation and love and admiration, you perfectly well know that your charming, intelligent wife shares with you your premier place in our hearts and you know further that your ministerial son Charles, whom you have just ordained to our Methodist ministry, together with your other son and your three lovely daughters, rise up with us to call you blessed.

Bishop Mead, we admire you; we honor you; we trust you because we love you and we love you because we admire and honor and trust you.

TRIBUTE OF EDMUND J. KULP (SOUTHWEST MISSOURI)

Mr. Chairman, Bishop Mead and members of the General Conference: No man can stand here without feeling the difficulty of utterance on an occasion like this, especially when

he has to speak of a lifelong friend and of a man who for eight years has been his trusted and honored Chieftain.

If friendship dictates the voice of praise, less prejudiced ears may think praise is too fulsome. If our confidence in his leadership shall speak too decidedly, or if our words of regret for the end of this immediate relationship shall be too rueful, those who have not known the charm of intimate acquaintance and the fellowship of arduous service with this man will think we have transgressed the narrow line that divides sentiment from sentimentality. The way of utterance is indeed a straight and narrow one.

It is fitting that we should have this service here within the sound of the surf of the Atlantic, for about a hundred miles—perhaps a little less—up the coast, some years ago a young preacher from the Newark Conference took up the task which had been so marvelously handled by Charles Yatman, an evangelist, of conducting the young people's meetings at Ocean Grove, that resort that could have been created by nothing else than a vital Methodism. And from that hour, Bishop Mead, tall and dark haired and virile and with a fine evangelistic spirit, won hundreds of the young people of this section to his Lord. With no irreverence I say, too, that he won them as friends for himself. In that hour he stepped over the limiting bounds of pastor, pastoral charge and Conference into the wider fields of entire Methodism and the tides of that life have flowed into every inlet and bay and reach and channel and river until it is no exaggeration to say that the entire Methodism of this continent has known the salty tang of that fine life which was fed from the inexhaustible resources of Him who said long ago, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Shortly after that, over in New York Preachers' Meetings where James N. Buckley was the principal leader, this same young man preached and the appeal of the sermon that morning was to the assembled ministers to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to the sorrowing, the suffering, the restless and the disinherited multitudes of the great city.

There was another listener there; it was Dr. Buttz, the head of Drew Seminary, crowned already with that white halo of saintliness, with an unusual light in his lustrous eyes, pride and approval in every attitude of his frame, for he was drinking the teacher's cup of rewarding joy—he was watching one of his boys in a moment of success and in the promise of even greater success. And Charles L. Mead never failed his President!

From Hoboken to Newark, from Newark to Baltimore and Baltimore to New York and New York to Denver, he

went in one ascending scale of efficiency and power without the loss in any degree of that original ardor that had marked his very earliest years. And then, the willing choice of his brethren in the Des Moines General Conference in 1920 lifted him to the Episcopacy and they sent him back again to Denver. After twelve years there he came to what was then the large Area, the Kansas City Area; an empire that might have satisfied a Caesar and might have almost satisfied a Hitler.

My predecessor here has reminded you that the Bishop had had a little trouble with a physical heart which was no match for the spiritual passion of his spirit, but had limited his activities for a little time. But in spite of the orders of his physician and the anxiety of his wife, he took up his task without stint and without restraint in that great Area. There was no journey too long; there was no charge too small; there was no interest too insignificant to receive his full attention.

Someone intimated at one time that the Bishop himself did not especially prefer the administrative functions of the Episcopacy. Be that as it may. Every institution in every Conference that was in difficulty—and what Methodist institution hasn't been in difficulty in these recent days? Every Conference with its crushing load of debt—we have some Conferences out there that have had more debt than the average Conference knows anything about; in that drought-stricken land, where the dust bowl suddenly asserted its prime importance in national life, where Methodist incomes vanished and Methodist courage was tested to the utmost. And let me say in passing, it was not Methodists who bought a wheezy jalopy and went to seek a Utopia where they might eat the grapes of wrath. The Methodists stayed. They reconquered their territory and made for themselves a promised land anew, which they could envision in their faith, and to which their courage gave substance. They ate the grapes of Eschol.

But through all that trying time, with every institution, every territory, every Conference, Bishop Mead did not fail in wisdom of counsel, in intimacy of sympathy, in willingness to help any institution, any Conference, anywhere, and his counsel was always wise and his leadership always secure, and the results have justified the wisdom of his administration.

And he was always the orator, bearer of the good news of Jesus Christ.

No man in the Episcopacy has preached with greater uniformity than Bishop Mead. He has never reached the

heights which some of the great Bishops of the past have reached. He never fell below the level that he had established for himself. Speaking always with inspiration and helpfulness, and cheer and courage, he made himself a place not only in the Church but in the community.

When the rumors of his retirement began to spread about, the greatest paper published in America, the *Kansas City Star*, published in the greatest Area in America, the heart of America—I think it was Dr. Fifer who said that the Indianapolis Area was the center of gravity of the United States; well, you find the center of gravity by weight and measurement; you find the heart of the country by its life, and this comes from the heart of America—published this testimonial, which I am not going to read in full:

Bishop Mead is more than a Churchman; he is a citizen with a lofty ideal of the duty of citizenship. In countless movements for the betterment of the nation, the State, or the community he has been a leader. He has watched Methodism through many changes, climaxing his service by playing an important part in the unification of its three branches which was officially consummated in Kansas City last year.

In the succeeding crises which have beset the world, Bishop Mead has never faltered in his belief in the future of mankind. Civilization, he believes, in spite of many setbacks, is continually struggling upward, and the idea of peace and good will will some day be reached.

Bishop Mead, in all his relationships, was always the ideal Christian gentleman. He was always the kindly brother. His door was always open to the humblest layman, or the humblest preacher who might seek his counsel and his help. No one left him who did not feel the refreshing influence of his fine personality.

Those who knew something about the home life, knew also the richness of that life in that Episcopal residence. I can only say with regard to that intimate relationship that I think Bishop Mead was worthy of the fine idealism, the transcendent Christian spirit, and the ardent love for the coming of the Kingdom of God that was in the heart of Mrs. Mead. Then I say also that I think Mrs. Mead was a worthy helpmate of this man who has filled the tasks of the Episcopacy so completely and so fully.

Under the disturbing circumstances that when he left home no one knew whether the end of the trip would be home, the hospital, or heaven, there never was a tremor in his voice nor a bit of uncertainty in his mind, nor a single fear manifested in either body or spirit during all those years.

And now we have come to this time. We are talking about retiring Bishops. I read the *Discipline* over about

this thing a little while ago. This is a prosaic book, but once in a while a religious phrase or idealistic passage creeps into it, after all the jarrings of the General Conference, and it says that at this hour, or in the Jurisdictional Conference, we shall release the Bishops from the responsibility of Residential and Presidential Supervision.

So we are not retiring any men. We are releasing them, and release means a larger liberty and a fuller opportunity than they have ever had before. Let no man say that because they are old they must step aside. There is an opportunity of age as well as an opportunity of youth. There is a joy in the fellowship of age as well as a joy in the fellowship of youth.

Would you have retired John after he had displayed the spirit that led him to want to call fire from Heaven down upon the Samaritan village. Would you have released him before he had learned to say to the Ephesian congregation, "Little children, love one another."

Would you have called out to Lord Tennyson to cease his singing—as many critics did say he ought to do—before that afternoon when, returning from a sail on the bay, when the evening shadows were gathering, and the tide was running out through the mouth of the harbor, he hastened to his home, picked up his pen, and wrote:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Would you have silenced him before he sang that?

We are not silencing these men, not one of them. We want to hear their voices. We want their words of inspiration. We want to know the high visions that are in their souls. We want to feel the pulse of their love. We want to capture something of the revelation that comes to them, as they go along the ascending path of life, until they stand upon the summit of the delectable mountains, and have all the trumpets sounding for them on the other side.

BISHOP JOHN GOWDY

TRIBUTE OF DR. RUBY SIA (FOOCHOW)

Mr. Chairmen and members of the General Conference:
As I stand here and look into your faces I am reminded of

what my little nephew, who is four years old, said to me one Sunday morning in Shanghai when it was snowing very heavily. His mother called to him and said, Bobby, get up and go to the window and look out."

He got up and his mother said, "Isn't that beautiful?"

He said, "It is wonderfully glorious."

As I look at this body of the First General Conference of American Methodism, I would also say it is wonderfully glorious.

It is an unprecedented privilege and honor to speak a few words about Bishop Gowdy on his approaching retirement before this august audience of the First General Conference of United Methodism. On very short notice, I come this morning, not to utter an eulogy on Bishop Gowdy. He stands in need of none. But I come to endeavor, in a small measure, to interpret the meaning of this gifted man, a great gift of God to a great nation in dire need of a spiritual regeneration, and a new revolution which will end revolution by changing human nature and remaking men and nations.

Our sage taught us that there are three friendships which are advantageous: Friendship with the upright, friendship with the sincere, friendship with the man of much observation. These are advantageous, and these we find in Bishop Gowdy. What a rich blessing for our Chinese people.

Bishop Gowdy came to us thirty-eight years ago. During his long residence in China there has passed many difficult periods, but none of them has been more taxing than the present. In this crisis we need a spiritual leader in steering our ship of the Church. Bishop Gowdy's rich experience in China, his far-sighted out-look, and his unique Christlike spirit make him preeminently fitted for the work as the first Bishop of our church, in soul winning and leader training. We vitally need what he brings today.

Our debt to him in the past: Nearly all precious things of our lives are made sacred to us by their cost. This is true even of material things. We cannot live a day but something must die to become food for the sustaining of our life. In the higher sphere the same is true. "Whenever a great thought is born," says our sage, "there has been a Gethsemane."

St. Paul tells us that all things are ours, whether Paul or Apollos, or the world, or life or death. That is, we are the inheritors of the fruits of all good lives, of whom he is one. Looking over our South China area, every piece of work he established, every beautiful building he put up, contributed to the wealth and blessing we now enjoy. His beautiful service in the Anglo-Chinese College, in the Fukien Christian

University, the erection of imposing buildings and churches, are living monuments of his life service.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for his gifts which make our Church what it is today. Hundreds of men and women whom he dearly loves are helped and lifted by his hands of love, at cost of toil and saving, pinching economy and self-denial. Some people think a missionary is in his work for what is in it for him. They are greatly mistaken. I personally know for a fact that he and Mrs. Gowdy spent more money on being missionaries than they got out of it. They are extremely generous and kind-hearted, and with the meager missionary salary they support themselves and many others besides.

He devotes all his life to the Chinese people. He is more understanding of the Chinese than most Chinese, hence his work has been of great value and benefit, and his life is indispensable. One time there was some misunderstanding in a certain school. I said nothing. One day, casually, while visiting him, I said, "Bishop, wasn't it ridiculous for some one to think that I want a certain post? I would not have it for the world, and I dislike it so."

He quickly answered, "I believe you." That was enough for me, that he, my Bishop, understood me and had faith in me. I can tell you instance after instance to verify my statement.

His humility, courtesy and patience: When he was elected to his office of Episcopacy, the first Bishop of China elected by our Central Conference, a new church, in a new China, emerged. There was great rejoicing throughout the Christian Church in China. He never feels himself above even the humblest of his fellows, and though he could think more clearly and act more vigorously than most of the men he has to work with, he did not fancy that to be a cause for "putting on airs."

He is always the same friend, whether a Bishop or a missionary. That made the people love him dearly. They wanted him to be great, because they seemed all to share in his greatness; they wished him to hold high office because they felt they could trust their most difficult problems to him; and they knew that however high he rose he would be just as ready to talk with them and help them as when he was indeed one of them.

Rich men, poor men, officers, lowly men, old or young, all come to him and love him because he has the ability to take another's point of view, to put himself in another's place and see life and its problems from a point of view different from his own. To be willing to test a new idea, to examine with-

out heat the burning questions of the day, to have imaginative sympathy, openness of mind, calmness of judgment—these are the indispensable qualities in a great leader. Bishop Gowdy has them.

He is a very interesting story teller and we would sit by the hour listening to him and Mrs. Gowdy with open mouths without being tired. He would patiently listen to our dull stories, too. He is an ambassador of good will. He is always courteous; never once have I found him otherwise. He is tireless in his efforts to further the missionary, educational and philanthropic enterprises of The Methodist Church. He is open-minded, tolerant, forward-looking, a lover of justice and mercy, enduring and courageous, deeply religious in the best sense of the word, and is always ready to find some good in everyone with whom he comes in contact.

Under his leadership our Christian Church in China has made glorious regenerating achievements. But the greatest of these is that there are hundreds of men and women who have experienced something of the change of inner life through his ministry. And amidst the booming of the guns, bombing airplanes, and the shouts of war around them, it has come to us with a rush of joyful gladness which not even the clashing of armies can drown from our hearts. It is what we have seen and heard of the word of life from him, working in humanity to heal and save, that I like you to know.

At this present critical time when everything shatters, our Christian Church grows in unity and power. Our Church is one and our Bishop's home is our big family; we feel the oneness of our Christians. Not even under the hum and confusion amidst the cry of war, not even the air raid, has any effect in keeping people away when our Bishop calls us together.

Today we view with genuine regret the inevitable turn of the hands of time that marks for the approaching retirement from active service this great and valiant man of God. We voice the unanimous sentiment of ministers and laymen in all China Conferences in offering to our Bishop Gowdy this time limited appreciation, as a testimony of the universal love and esteem in which he is held throughout the length and breadth of the great land of China.

The guiding principle of life for men must be the law of mutual love. Our Bishop is love itself. He loves every one of us.

The European considers life at its height in youth, therefore he uses youthful models full of vigor, vitality and restlessness. The Chinese, on the other hand, admires the latter

half of life the most, so he paints those who have attained greater years and who, therefore, represent more wisdom, philosophical tranquility and peace. Our Bishop has attained that age. We therefore expect that our Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy will remain with us as long as they can, continuing to love, guide and lead us on to the glory of the triumphant Church of Christ Jesus.

TRIBUTE OF E. PEARCE HAYES (FOOCHOW)

Mr. Bishop, members of the Conference: Bishop John Gowdy was born in 1869 in Scotland, coming to America at an early age. In 1902, after graduation from Connecticut Wesleyan and Drew Theological Seminary, he and Mrs. Gowdy sailed for China.

Dr. Gowdy served for nineteen years from 1904 as President of the Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow, an institution which has furnished far beyond its share of leaders in modern China.

In 1923-27, during one of its most critical periods, Dr. Gowdy was President of the Fukien Christian University, laying at that time the foundations for much of its present success.

In February, 1930, Dr. Gowdy was elected Bishop by the East Asia Central Conference, the first Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected outside of the territory of the United States, and the first Bishop elected by a Central Conference.

Bishop Gowdy's administration will always be honored for the large share he played in the creation and development of the Central Conference.

Inasmuch as the present Jurisdictional Conferences owe their pattern fundamentally to the Central Conference, the Church in America owes much to this man who was the guiding genius, in his wise and statesmanlike leadership, of the East Asia Central Conference (now the China Central Conference) from its earliest years.

Having no children of their own, Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy adopted the Foochow Area so that all of us belonged to the Episcopal family.

More particularly, however, did they make large investments in the lives and characters of their Chinese boys and girls.

An outstanding Church leader of China, not of the Methodist fold, has recently stated that Foochow possesses the largest and finest group of returned students in the service of the Church of any Section in China. This is a very real measure results from the life investments by Bishop and

Mrs. Gowdy—they have literally created leadership throughout the Fukien Province and the nation.

It is the hope and prayer of the Foochow Area that retirement to Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy may not mean separation from us. Rather do we look forward to many years of fellowship, relieved as they are of the heavy burden of administration, and free to share their lives of rich and deep experiences with us all. To us of the Foochow Area this will be a benediction indeed.

SPECIAL ADDRESSES

ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

ADDRESS BY DR. GEORGIA HARKNESS

Delivered Thursday Evening April 25. See Journal, Page 220.

In the Church of the fourth century there was an interesting character by the name of Lactantius. Because he was much ahead of his day on certain social issues, linking together war, capital punishment and infanticide as forms of killing equally offensive to the Christian consciences, I loaned a copy of his works to one of my Garrett students for some research. He brought the book back chuckling over something he had unearthed that I had not known was there. Lactantius declares that we ought not to permit women to teach in the Church, giving as a reason that there were plenty of women in the time of our Lord and if it had been necessary for women to teach, he would have commanded them to do so! The passage continues in quite Paulinic fashion about the subordination of the wife to her husband and then adds, "Let the widow and the virgin be such as do not run about, or gad to and fro stinging people with their tongues." Were this injunction still in effect, life would be simpler.

I find myself somewhat embarrassed by the opportunity of this high moment. When I gad to and fro speaking mainly to the men of the Church, I have been known to lift up my voice on the subject of "Women's rights!" I still have a few things left to say on that subject. But when I speak mainly to women, I prefer to talk on "women's opportunities." Now I must speak to men and women together. I should not like any woman to sit at ease while I tried to sting the male sense of justice. Still less should I like to have the men feel self-righteous while I said what I profoundly believe; namely, that we women had better use the opportunities we have before we ask for any more.

Consequently, I propose to speak neither on women's rights nor on women's opportunities, but rather on the rights and opportunities of us all as members of a great united Methodism. While I shall not preach a sermon, I do have a text. It is from certain words of Paul, than which no greater charter of Christian unity has been spoken. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free,

there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

What does it mean to us to be "one in Christ Jesus?" It means first that for any true Christian unity there must be large agreement as to goals of action. This does not mean that in every item of policy we must agree. As there is a diversity of gifts among Christians, so is there room for differences of opinion on many matters. How to find unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials and charity in everything will be the major task of this Conference. Yet this is certain in the midst of much uncertainty, that in the clear light of the gospel of Christ, all self-seeking, all political maneuvering, all minor group loyalties, all prerogatives of race, or sex, or geography, or special interest, stand condemned.

To be one in Christ Jesus means, in the second place, that for any true Christian unity there must be freedom in the choice of means for reaching common ends. Fortunately, God does not run us all into one mold. It is the glory of our faith that persons matter, and where persons matter there must be free initiative. Ours is a totalitarian gospel because it claims the whole man, the whole woman for Christ. Because it is a totalitarian gospel it must ever stand opposed to the coercive, personality-crushing measures of the totalitarian State. We shall never have a united Methodism through the exercise of compulsive authority by those of superior power, whether Bishops, Board Secretaries, Presidents or petty tyrants. We shall have it only through the dedicated, co-operative, freely-chosen effort of great numbers of free persons.

To be one in Christ Jesus means, in the third place—and the most important place—that for any true Christian unity we must love one another. It is no easy job to love eight million Methodists! When I remarked as much to a friend, her query was, "Is it easy to love eight?" A student of mine wrote on an examination paper this astonishing sentence, "Jesus added to the wisdom of the Old Testament many little things such as 'Love your enemies'!" I trust that none of us are enemies. But there are circumstances when it is not easy to love one's friends! Yet it is the obligation we have taken upon ourselves in this united church. If we unite great groups of Christians to form a greater group, and merge our Boards to form a bigger Board, and have not love, it profiteth us nothing.

To be "one in Christ Jesus" doubtless means many other things. But these three, at the least, it means—common goals of action, free creativity in the pursuit of these goals,

the willingness to think and to act together in love. It is a large price that we must pay for a united church. But if we believe that a united Methodism is worth the cost, we shall resolve to pay it.

It lies outside of my province to attempt to speak upon all the problems that will confront you in the next few days. It is equally impossible to speak in any detail of the truly great achievements of the women of our three uniting Churches. Of these accomplishments and of those who have wrought them, it may be said, as of Sir Christopher Wren upon St. Paul's Cathedral, "If you seek a monument, look around!" What I propose to try to do instead is to survey the possibilities of being one in Christ in three areas—in the world church, in a united Methodism, and in the local church. This may bring into sharper focus what I have said somewhat abstractly of the need of keeping before us common goals, freedom and love.

While the interest of all of us at the moment is focused upon a united Methodism, I believe it to be the right sequence to begin with the ecumenical Church. We must look beyond our own borders if we would find a true perspective within them. Both because the problems of the world Church are complex and because its achievements are great, each denomination has much to learn from it for its own life.

It has been my great and unmerited privilege to attend four ecumenical gatherings: Oxford, Madras, Amsterdam, and the Geneva Conference called last July to consider the relation of the Churches to the international crisis. A cynic is said to have remarked, "I believe in the Church Universal, and regret that it does not exist." I know that it exists, for I have four times beheld it in action, experienced the thrill of its fellowship, witnessed the evidence of its victories, felt upborne in my own halting spiritual pilgrimage by its abundant and encompassing sources of power. This is not the place for a report of these Conferences. The most that I can do is to set forth a few impressions.

Out of all of these gatherings has come to me the deep conviction that the Christian church, in spite of its manifold differences, is one in worship, one in fellowship, one in faith. No one who was at Oxford will ever forget the morning and evening hours of worship in historic St. Mary's Church, where there has been continuous Christian worship on the same site for a thousand years; where through the great old hymns and prayers and Scripture of the Church the spirit spoke to us without need of translation; where through a diversity of tongues and a diversity of gifts we found ourselves one in the living Body of Christ.

No one who was at Madras will ever forget the thrill of the fellowship which not only spanned differences in denomination, but bridged the more conspicuous and often more divisive differences of culture, of custom, of costume, of color, of race, of nation, of age, of sex, of ecclesiastical prerogative. Here we saw before our eyes the world Christian community, the great democracy of God. Here Japanese and Chinese Christians; German and British Christians; black, white, brown and yellow Christians could meet in full friendliness. In such meeting we beheld, not the kingdom of God but a foregleam of its reality.

No one who has had a hand in trying to draft a statement of "the faith by which the Church lives"—not The Methodist Church or the American church, but the whole Protestant Church—can doubt the difficulties of this undertaking. But neither can one fail to be moved by the miracle that occurs when out of deep seated, radical theological cleavage there is affirmed a faith on which all can agree—a faith that is not watered down to the dead level of compromise but is lifted up to the high level of the gospel of Christ, a faith that makes great affirmations about God, about man, about salvation through Christ, about the Kingdom, about the Church, about the Bible, about our call to action in these troubled times. That Christians can wrestle together in love, and without losing their tempers or promoting private interests or compromising convictions can affirm a common faith and a united program of action, seems to me to have only one explanation. It is in those words recorded as spoken by our Lord, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Me."

Not only in its unity of faith, of fellowship and of worship does the world Church have something to say to us; its achievements in service should make us proud to be a part of it. Without the missionary movement there would, of course, be no world Church, and I need not remind you that the heroism and valiant service of missionaries in these chaotic days is taking on glorious proportions. Miss Joy Homer, paying tribute to missionaries in China whom she has seen staying at their posts and caring under heavy odds for thousands of sick and wounded and starving people, tells of a plaque erected by the magistrate over the gate of a Chinese village. It bears the inscription: "Our deep gratitude to the families of this place who, through the thing inside of them called Christianity, have done more to nurse our sick and our wounded and to help our troubled people than any group we know."

It is through "the thing inside of them called Christianity"

that hosts of nameless and otherwise commonplace souls, the world around and the centuries through, have found the power to live gloriously. And in these days when everything else is shaken, the Christian Church grows daily in unity and power. It was a true word, deliberately spoken, when the Madras report declared, "No one so fully knows the failings, the pettiness, the faithlessness which infect the Church's life as we who are its members. Yet, in all humility and penitence, we are constrained to declare to a baffled and needy world that the Christian Church, under God, is its greatest hope."

The Church is the only functioning international organism today, international because it believes that above all nations is humanity, and above all humanity is God. Its evangel enables those of enemy states to meet one another in love. While the nations build and let loose armaments for mutual destruction, the Church goes on spreading brotherhood and healing. While the nations darken the minds of their people with propaganda tintured with hate, the Church spreads education and light, and endeavors by its glad tidings of great joy to bring peace on earth, good will among men. Kingdoms may rise and fall, but like the saving remnant in Israel of old, a nucleus of Christians will carry on the torch of living faith as long as there are men upon earth. In the Book of Acts it is recorded that some scoffers said of those in the early Church, "These Christians have turned the world upside down." In the epistle to Diognetus written in the second century, the author says that Christians "hold the world together." Both words are true. The Christian Church has turned the world upside down to shake human nature from its lethargy, and in these troubled days it is holding the world together.

Of the place of women within the world Church it is not necessary to speak at length. Women have not always been represented at world conferences in numbers proportionate to membership or to service in the local church. At Oxford about one in seventeen of the voting delegates were women, at Madras about one in seven, at Amsterdam about two-fifths. At Edinburgh only one-fortieth of the delegates were women, perhaps because women have always been more prominent in the "life and work" than in the "faith and order" of the Church. Yet the number present in these Conferences is not the main issue. The more significant factor is what women have been able to contribute to the world community. And here women have had no small part.

Women, working together, have labored valiantly, inces-

santly and unitedly for world peace. Women, working together in the educational programs and sacrificial giving of many local missionary groups, have created in great numbers of people their chief, if not their only awareness, of the reality of the world community. The expansion of the Kingdom can be judged in terms of an ever-widening answer to that ancient question, "And who is my neighbor?"

No unprejudiced observer can deny that in this expansion, the women's home and foreign missionary movements of all our uniting Churches have played a strategic part. I shall cite no figures, though an imposing case might be made through the bare citation of the many thousands of dollars collected and dispensed with a minimum of overhead expense, of the thousands of women workers placed in unoccupied fields at home and abroad, the thousands of children and potential leaders of nations taught and trained in ideals of Christian living, the unnumbered thousands of sick bodies healed aid sick souls brought to health and power through the redeeming Gospel of Christ.

There is a book about the share-croppers which bears the suggestive title, "You Have Seen Their Faces." This title came often to my mind as I travelled in India after the Madras Conference; for I have seen the faces of Hindu children in little mud villages still weighed down by the burden of ignorance, superstition, caste, poverty, and the degradation that goes with it, and I have seen the alert, responsive faces of children in Christian mission schools. I need not tell you that there is a world of difference. This is typical of an ever-repeated miracle in this country and throughout the world.

In this reconstruction of life and in the creation of the Christian world community, women and men have been co-workers with God for the advancement of the Kingdom. Because of such united effort, the world community in our day is not a visionary dream but a reality. *It must increase.* Because the world Christian community is a fact, Christians everywhere ought to work more confidently, live more courageously, love one another more truly. In a World Church "there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

I pass now to some issues relating to a united Methodism. I should not like to assume the role of the Pharisee and thank God that I am not as other men. However, I do give thanks that it is you, and not I, who must wrestle with the intricacies of legislation in these next crucial days! Were I involved in it, I should feel that I must pray devoutly for divine grace.

As one whose vocation has not led me into administrative responsibilities, I should like to pay high and sincere tribute to the greatness of spirit already manifest in "the people called Methodists." The prospect of union has called for the surrender of cherished ways of working, for the jeopardizing of otherwise secure positions, for movement to new localities where one did not wish to go, for reorganization in great business assets within the Boards, for constant subordination of the part to the greater good of the whole. The way these challenges have been met is glorious. That there has been some rivalry and some disappointment is only natural. That there has been so little of self-seeking is sublime. If I am not mistaken, this merging of three churches to make one Methodism will live in church history, not simply as the record of the formation of the biggest Protestant church in Christendom, but as a tale of adventure and high heroism.

This leads me to a question which I am sure is uppermost in all of our minds, "The Methodist church is big enough. Is it good enough?"

William James, you recall, said that he was against bigness in all forms—against all big organizations and all big successes and big results; and in favor of the eternal forces of truth which always work in individual and often immediately unsuccessful ways. What he meant, I judge, is that he preferred greatness to bigness. Bigness often imperils greatness.

One peril among the many from which we must be on guard is lest we judge our greatness in terms of bigness—big constituencies, big accessions to membership, big meetings, big financial assets. Let us have a "Methodist advance," but let us recognize that often the most significant advances are the least conspicuous. Horses can go galloping over the prairie without getting very far!

Another peril of bigness is the danger of over-esteeming the importance of a big appointment—which often, without definition, is taken to mean the pastorate of a large urban or suburban church. That these are difficult and challenging fields I do not question. But let me urge you in your deliberations not to neglect the rural churches, those churches from which still the most virile life of the nation is drawn, from which come most of our candidates for the ministry, in which salaries are lowest and opportunities for mutual stimulation fewest, from which not many—whether men or women—are appointed to places of influence on Conference Committees.

I should, perhaps, speak more directly upon the place of

women in the united Church. It was a great thing that was done at Kansas City. To provide for the representation of women on the Board of Missions and also to form the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the co-ordination of all our women's activities was a venture inspired imagination. I believe that it opens to Methodist women greater opportunities for creative leadership than have ever before been available to us, and greater than are to be found in any other denomination. To you who are women let me say, "If we do not use these opportunities now, it is nobody's fault but our own!" I have known women who were given an opportunity to sit on the Official Board of the local Church—and *they sat*. Let it not be so in our new united Church!

That there are important problems of adjustment yet to be worked out, we all know. Having gone this far toward their solution in faith and love, you will go farther. It would be presumptuous for me to offer advice. But as I spoke just now for the rural church, let me speak also a word for the least co-ordinated branch of the Woman's Division; namely, the Ladies' Aid. Because it is not nationally organized and it exists primarily to serve the local church, it is in greater danger than are the missionary societies of being overlooked in your deliberations. Its usefulness is great; it can be greater. It has a dignified function as the handmaid of the Church; it ought not to be the Church's maid-of-all work. In this as in other aspects of church life, women who have proved their ability to serve as financial agents of great organizations, to raise large sums for the Community Chest or a college endowment, to look well to the ways of their household and balance the budget on a slender income—such women ought not to look upon the financial responsibilities of church life as lacking either in dignity or challenge.

You will expect me not to leave the consideration of a united Methodism without saying a word on the moot problem of the ordination of women. I believe it to be important, but not all-important. It is less important than that women be admitted to the governing bodies and policy-making organs of the Church. The latter has already been granted to us, and to provide as you have for the ordination of women as local deacons and elders, even without Conference membership, is to take a long step. I do not believe that large numbers of women are ever likely to wish to be ordained, and still fewer will wish to have parishes. Nevertheless, as long as a woman is debarred by sex from exercising any functions in the Church for which she is fit-

ted by mental and spiritual gifts, a principle will be at stake.

What I wish to say on this subject must be somewhat personal—and I speak in gratitude to a Church that has given me far greater recognition than I deserve. A number of years ago I was ordained a local deacon. Last April Bishop McConnell laid his hand upon my head, said, "Take thou authority"—and I became a local elder. About a dozen fine young men were ordained elders at the same time. After our ordination, all of them who had not been previously admitted were received into full membership in the Conference. For obvious reasons I was not, and never could be under the existing legislation.

Since that time a great opportunity has come to me. The task of helping to prepare young men for the ministry is a thrilling and glorious one to which I can give my life with full enthusiasm. Before the consecration and Christian devotion of our Garrett boys I stand humbled—and it does not matter greatly that they can be members of Annual Conferences which I cannot. Yet the situation puzzles me somewhat! Do you see any reason why it should be so?

These and many other tangled issues will be your concern in these Conference days. It is too much to hope that you will find perfect solutions. Yet that you will be guided by wisdom and actuated by love I have no doubt. You will find ways to accomplish the difficult feat of bringing together free initiative and ordered control. Setting before yourselves the common goal of a church not merely big but truly great, you will find the way to unity. In our united Church there must be neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female—and there will not be if we are all one in Christ Jesus.

I come now to speak finally on that aspect of our church life in which all else converges, the local church. This is the substructure of our total enterprise. Without a substantial underpinning in the local church, all your deliberations about the overhead will be in vain. Since the issues are manifold I must limit what I say to the place of women in the local church.

Women, working together, have provided the greater part of the educational staff of the local congregation. I have yet to discover a Sunday school which was not largely "manned" by women! Women, working together through the Ladies' Aid or other comparable organization, have provided much of the financial undergirding of the local church. Women, working together, have provided much of the atmosphere of personal cordiality which make the difference between the church as an institution and as a warm human

fellowship. Women, working together in a wider outreach, have built a great and serviceable structure of schools, homes, hospitals and deaconess work. Women, working together, have constituted one of the most effective influences in the cause of temperance and public morale. Women, working together, have labored for better racial understanding and for more Christian social relations. Women, working together, have laid the foundations of world peace through world friendliness. Women, working together, have created a great World Federation of Methodist women that enables women everywhere to serve those of other lands and to strengthen one another in the faith. These are works of which we need not to be ashamed!

Yet, in shame we must confess that women have not always worked together. Neither have men for that matter—but it is women we are now talking about.

A few years ago I found in the "Wise and Otherwise" column of the *Christian Advocate* a bit of doggerel which describes what is wrong with both the men and the women in many of our churches.

"BUT"

I love Thee, blessed Lord,
And seek to do Thy will,
But please deliver me, I ask,
From that pest "Annie Pill."

I love Thy Church, O God,
The house of Thine abode,
But while "Doc" Bright our pastor is
I'll bear naught of its load.

I thank Thee for my voice
And power to inspire—
But don't expect much help from me
While "So and so" leads the choir.

Thy table, precious Friend,
Is with Thy bounties spread—
But if John Jones officiates
I take no wine or bread.

All that I am or have
Are gifts that come from Thee—
But I will not Thy cause support,
I'm sore at "Tessie Lee."

Please, Lord, I need Thy help,
And for it now I pray,
Prepare a place in heav'n for me—
But not with Mrs. Gray. Amen.

I do not present this as either polished poetry or profound philosophy. But, I submit that it states the situation in many local congregations.

If we will put away our pettiness, if we will find common goals, agree to let others have their way in some matters and work together in love, great opportunities await us. In particular, a strategic opportunity awaits those younger women—able, intelligent and often college trained—who to a greater extent than one likes to think are putting their energies outside the Church. The reasons are various, but the central reason is that they have failed to find within the Church those opportunities for creative leadership that are available to them in other agencies. We must hope, we must pray, we must plan that in every local congregation of The Methodist Church there will be a place of challenging service for every Christian woman.

The functions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are thus stated in our new *Discipline*:

"The purpose of the Woman's Division shall be to develop and maintain Christian work among women and children at home and abroad; to cultivate Christian family life; to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women, young people, and children in behalf of native and foreign groups, needy childhood, and community welfare; to assist in the promotion of a missionary spirit throughout the church; to select, train, and maintain Christian workers; to co-operate with the local church in its responsibilities, and to seek fellowship with Christian women of this and other lands in establishing a Christian social order around the world."—(¶ 1014, *Discipline*, 1939.)

These are great words! Here, surely, are tasks great enough for all. And note carefully that this charter for our effort does not present our work as an agglomeration of parts, but as a unitary whole. It does not put foreign missions at the center of the stage and shove home missions to the side lines. Neither does it put home missions at the center, and foreign missions somewhere out beyond the horizon. It does not put temperance in one compartment of the structure, and race relations in another, and world peace in another, and economic reconstruction in a fourth—it calls on Christian women everywhere to unite in establishing a Christian social order around the world.

That there must be a more Christian social order around the world—if there is to be a world—is a fact so evident that it requires no argument. In the creation of a more just, a more humane, a more peaceful society women have a strategic role to play. We ought to be more courageous and less prejudiced than men can be expected to be, for some detachment from the immediate economic struggle should give us a wider perspective. Confronted by this opportunity, we

need to learn more social facts and to educate our communities. We church women ought not to leave it to the Woman's Club or to some propagandist secular agency to furnish all the light the community gets on international issues, labor conditions, social security, co-operatives, health, housing, education for marriage and parenthood, and the many other things that enlist the concern of sensitive consciences. It is a curious fact that the Church has furnished so much of the idealism for other social agencies and then has so often lagged behind them in its own program. Christian work needs to be more social, and social work more Christian. To bridge this gap is part of our job as Methodist women.

A danger I foresee, as we make the transition to what should be our new united program, is that in the local churches women will feel the pull of inertia, and will say, "I just can't do so many things. I think I'll keep on doing what I have been doing in my own Society!" If this happens, rivalry among groups will continue, we shall waste our energies in competing effort, and there will remain great fields of service about which many of our church women will have neither interest nor knowledge. Or perhaps the plea will be, "I just can't get head or tail of what women are supposed to do on the Board of Missions. I think I'll stick to our Woman's Division!" If this happens, we shall not have the united Church we had envisaged, in which men and women would labor together "for the upbuilding of the body of Christ."

These things must not happen. Selection of tasks is necessary. To choose among many good works those best suited to our talent is intelligent and Christian. But to compartmentalize our interest and our effort is to undo our union. Paul spoke words of wisdom on this, as on many, subjects when he wrote, "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. . . . Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof."

My final word is this: As we cannot truly have a world Church until those of the younger Churches have brought their contributions to our common faith, so the unity of a united Methodism can never be fully realized until all members of our Church—women and men together—share more fully in its tasks. This day lies just before us.

Robert Browning, in words familiar to you all, wrote of the gift entrusted by God to men:

"That out of three sounds he framed, not a fourth sound, but a star."

Out of three great Methodist Churches there will arise, we trust, not simply a greater volume of sound—a great unwieldy group—an agglomerate placed together with the patchwork of compromise—but a new Church knit together by a larger spiritual unity than any of our Churches hitherto has known. If so, and only so, can we go forward to proclaim the message of Christ to a needy world. Only thus can we take our places as men and women who are members together of the living body of Christ. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

ADDRESS OF FRANCIS R. BAYLEY

Delivered Wednesday Morning, May 1. See Journal, Page 303.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: On behalf of the Judicial Council I desire to thank you for the very high honor of being presented to you this morning formally and for the privilege you have accorded the President of the Council to address you as briefly as may be possible.

It would seem that it is necessary to make a statement at this time.

Many of the former Methodist Episcopalans came here under the tradition of our former procedure, namely, a Judiciary Committee to which was referred all questions and those judgments were reported back and then the General Conference, acting as a Supreme Court, decided whether the report should be adopted, amended or rejected.

I confess that I was more or less influenced by that tradition but the more the matter has been studied, the more clear it seemed to us that now that we have three co-ordinate branches of government, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial, it was a protection for each to stay within the law and not get over into the field of the other two branches. Hence the report which Judge Newby has brought to you, refusing in effect, under this clause 5, to give additional power to the Judicial and to make of it a prior court, but to wait until after the cases came up in due order and on appeal.

I think it will hardly be necessary to go into all the powers contained in the *Discipline* for the Judicial Council. I would, however, ask all of you to read very carefully the method by which appeals may be gotten to the Judicial Council. The first is this: The court is to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon

an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference. So that, having re-enacted, may I say, the other day, all the legislation now in the *Discipline*, if any of you are in doubt as to the constitutionality of any of those paragraphs, if one-fifth of the members of this body ask us to determine that question, we will obey and determine the question.

"To hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's decision on a question of law made in the Annual or District Conference when said appeal has been made by one-fifth of that Conference present and voting." I do not, at this time, Mr. Chairman, desire to argue, but I do desire in this connection to point out this fact: That the matters which now come to the Judicial Council are not matters of character. They go to a Committee on Appeals of the Jurisdictional Conferences. Therefore, it seemed wise not to allow an individual man who was dissatisfied with a decision of law to compel the Supreme Court to act thereon, but if one-fifth of the Conference differed, they could bring the appeal to the Supreme Court.

"To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conference." You will remember, I trust, that there are ways to put those questions up in writing to the Bishop and he answers and records his answer, which forms a record in part for the Judicial Council.

"To hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by any General Conference Board or Jurisdictional or Central Conference Board or body, upon appeal by one-third of the members thereof or upon request of the Council of Bishops, or a majority of the Bishops of a Jurisdictional or a Central Conference." I have gone into this matter somewhat extensively because there is a great deal of misunderstanding. I suppose during this last year I have received at least fifty—perhaps a hundred, I know a great many—letters asking me for legal opinions and I had to answer in every case that I could not reply except to call attention to a rule which is in the back of the *Discipline*, which the Judicial Council has provided for its own procedure.

If we can maintain this course under the Plan of Union as written, keep it distinctly in its own field, prevent its encroachment upon the prerogatives of either the Episcopacy or the General Conference, then we will carry out the intent of the Plan of Union.

Thank you again for your courtesy.

ADDRESS OF JOHN R. MOTT

Delivered Thursday Morning, May 2. See Journal, Page 315.

It is a privilege indeed to have the honor of congratulating the General Conference on its outlook, its constructive work and its spirit of unity. You have been true to the vision, the tradition and the expectations of the Uniting Conference.

In the light of my world-wide contacts since Kansas City I have been profoundly impressed that the Uniting Conference did not meet one day too soon. Suppose we had not found it possible to meet, and, above all, to unite. It is a remarkable coincidence that on the threshold of the most alarming manifestation of divisive and disintegrating forces across the world, our great Methodist bodies have been drawn together in a triumphant and unbreakable union.

We cannot too seriously remind ourselves that *God* bound us together and this *not as an end in itself* but to make possible the achievement of great designs. Our gathering here synchronizes with one of the most fateful moments in the life of the world—a time literally unprecedented—in danger, in creative possibilities, and in urgency.

The clock has struck, the hour has come for Methodism to move out with a clear sense of direction and an overmastering sense of mission into larger dimensions.

The evangelical forces of America are today facing the greatest concentration of major issues in all our history. Never did the undertaking before us seem to me so difficult. How it has changed in scope, in complexity and in pace—whether we have in mind our economic life, social reconstruction, sex relations, race conflicts, international life, or the thought bases of the Christian faith.

Moreover, within a few short months—even since Kansas City—a colossal, undreamed of responsibility has been thrust upon American Christianity. Have you all reflected on the fact that since then the following missionary-sending countries have been drawn into the war orbit—Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, France, Denmark, Norway and Finland. This leaves only three sending countries apart from our own, little Holland, little Switzerland and Sweden which is already almost throttled. Several of these lands are already cut off from their missions, in the case of others their missions are gravely imperiled, and, it is already evident, that still others must effect disastrous cuts. The only adequate hope of relief and of averting irreparable disaster is the United States of America. Our wealth equals that of

nearly all these other Christian countries combined. And our new Methodist Church is by far the largest Protestant body in America; its work is also the most widely flung of any evangelical communion; and we are the most nearly related to the various zones of conflict. Surely we cannot, we must not fail to recognize and to act on the responsibility thus suddenly brought upon us.

Let us also here at Atlantic City remind ourselves that we are living at a time when there exist the greatest areas of unrelieved human suffering the world has ever known. I refer not to floods and natural famines, but, far more alarming, to what has come in the pathway of wars—white wars, nerve wars, undeclared wars, lightning wars, wars wielding instruments and powers of death and cruelty such as the world has never known.

Serious as all this is, there is something even more alarming, and that is the present baffling psychology so widely prevalent in America, even among Christians. I refer to the terrible unresponsiveness to the voice of human need and of indescribable suffering. I repeat, never has there been such vast areas and profound depths of unmet or unrelieved suffering, together with such inadequate response. Yesterday I spent an hour with Herbert Hoover, doubtless the foremost authority on this subject, and he agrees with me on this tragic fact and shares with me, as I am sure you all do, this solicitude. You may be surprised to hear me say it, but I must be true to my heart and conviction, and that is that I am more concerned just now about our own country than any other one. It is terrible to contemplate what awaits us in America if we permit our people—our Christians in particular—to become callous, hardened, atrophied, unresponsive in this the world's hour of greatest strain and suffering.

But there is an inspiring fact in connection with the world mission just now, and that is that in the realm of the larger evangelism we are confronting the opportunity of the age. Never has the Church of Christ had such access to the multitudes on every hand. Never was the world more chastened. Never were men so vividly aware of the need of the superhuman. Never in all my five decades of ceaseless travel have I known so many triumphs of the Living Christ wherever His face has been unveiled. Here and there it may be questioned whether we have a Christianity worth propagating, but without doubt we have a Christ infinitely worth propagating.

At this critical hour let us not fail to press the advantage which is ours as a result of the recent Madras Conference.

What is this call which comes to our United Methodism in this fateful hour?

It is a summons to great constructive and reconstructive acts—to rethinking, restating, reviving, enlarging, and here and there, it may be, to revolutionizing our Church and missionary programs and plans.

It is a demand that we magnify the General Conference and all its agencies. The more thoroughly we develop our Jurisdictional plan, the more imperative it will be that we lift and hold in a place of central prominence this great unifying factor. Otherwise we fail to realize the Christ-imparted vision which in recent years has broken upon us.

We must afford an adequate outlet for youth. This truly remarkable oncoming body of young men and young women have by no means been won to the world mission of our faith. The legislation at Kansas City has set a good example. It is for us right down the line in the whole organization and working of the new Church to follow that lead.

We must be parties to nothing less than the liberating of a vast but today largely latent lay force.

In the inevitable readjustments and realignments of our forces from the local parishes right up to the working of our whole new denominational system we must conserve our greatest asset (not something to be created by already existing and never more vital and never more ably led) our organized Christian women forces in all parts of the country.

Plans should be worked out for making available the knowledge, the experience and the rare gifts of our retired workers and leaders. This is more than a detail and should receive some of our best constructive thought and action.

United Methodism should throw its full weight into the co-operative and ecumenical movements which so abound in possibilities for the achievement of the larger objectives we have set before us.

In all these vital concerns there is nothing which Christian America, and even beyond, more needs than an authentic lead, that is a body which trusts its principles and the beaconing, unerring hand of Christ and leads off—at times breaking precedent, at times charting new courses, at times making lonely adventures, or fostering causes and measures at first, it may be, unpopular, until they become triumphant. Should not this largest evangelical body in America afford this lead?

This General Conference projects its work and message into a world over which is spreading a great fear, but we go forth possessing a great hope and a great confidence—

even Christ's own word, "In this world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." How has He and how does He overcome the world? By His absolutely unerring principles, His penetrating teachings, His irrevocable commands; by His Incarnation (the Word made flesh); by His mysterious, transcendent act on the Cross ("Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"); by His bursting the bonds of death; by His Body, the Church of which we all are members; and by the working of His ever-present, ever-creative, omnipotent Spirit.

ADDRESS OF DR. SAMUEL MCCRAE CAVERT

Delivered Friday Morning, May 3. See Journal, Page 337.

Bishop Richardson, and Members of the Conference: I greatly appreciate your courtesy in affording opportunity for a word of interpretation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. I regard your courtesy as another indication of your desire for fellowship and co-operation with the other evangelical bodies, and I assure you that they not only reciprocate your feeling but look to The Methodist Church to take the leadership in the Council's affairs. They look to you for three reasons:

First, because of what Methodism has contributed to the Federal Council in the past. Its first President was the Reverend Bishop Hendrix of the Southern Church. The man who played the most creative role in its formation was Frank Mason North, later President of the Council. More recently the Council has had the privilege of claiming Bishop McConnell and Bishop Holt as its head. To its present staff you contribute three great servants of American Protestantism: Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, who guides the Council in its most important task of co-ordinating the activities of the Churches for international understanding and world peace; Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, whose scholarly work has given the Department of Research and Education an enviable reputation; and Mr. Frank C. Goodman, the consecrated layman who directs the program of national religious radio.

A second reason why the other Churches in the Council look hopefully to The Methodist Church is the glorious demonstration of Christian unity that you are now giving. Your union is having a tonic effect on Protestantism as a whole. Because of what you have done in uniting three bodies, the Council hopes for prophetic leadership from you in securing at least a greater co-operative unity among twenty-three.

A third reason why the Federal Council has great expectations from The Methodist Church is that you constitute about a third of the Council's constituency. Size is not everything but it is something of high consequence. Your *one* Church, in the providence of God, can exert an influence for unity strong enough to turn the whole Protestantism of the future straight in that direction. When I reflect on the desperate need for a united front of all Christians today, in the face of the un-Christian and anti-Christian forces that are loose in the world, I cannot help feeling that the great Methodist Church has come into the Kingdom for such a time as this.

The main thing that I want to emphasize is that the Federal Council is no rigid or static thing. It is flexible enough to be what you and your sister Churches desire it to be. The very genius of the Council is its representative structure and its responsibility to the Churches that comprise it. It was brought into existence by the direct action of the Churches. It has lived and grown for three decades because the Churches have found in it a useful instrument for the carrying out of tasks that they can achieve better in unison than in separation. The Council is the servant of the Churches. It is proud to be their servant and seeks no other honor. The whole conception of the Council is at the opposite pole from a hierarchy. Any idea of dictation or overlordship is alien to it. It seeks no enforced uniformity. Its unity is a unity in diversity, achieved through wholly democratic processes.

Concerning the present work of the Council I shall confine myself to two points which illustrate the spirit of its service.

1. One of these services is the bearing of a united witness to our common faith. This evangelistic emphasis is the basic feature in the Council's entire program. Over wide areas of the earth the Christian interpretation of life is flatly rejected. Even in our own country there are tendencies which make for a pervasive secularism, which assumes, for example, that education can leave God out, or that democracy can be maintained without giving attention to its spiritual foundations. In such a world nothing can be of such key importance as a united, convincing presentation of what the Christian faith really means for the individual, for society and for the world.

During the last two years the Federal Council's evangelism has been directed chiefly to students. Through the University Christian Mission a united approach has been made to forty-six campuses, most of them tax-supported

institutions, by a group of twenty Christian spokesmen, representing not an organization or a denomination but *the Church*.

The Council is now launching a new united evangelistic effort, calling for more faith and courage than anything it has yet done—the National Christian Mission. Preparations for it have been going on for a year. It will spend a week in each of twenty great centers of population next fall and winter in a concerted effort to reach those outside the Churches in a new way.

2. The second illustration is the Council's work, and my final word, has to do with the building of a truly ecumenical Church. When nationalism and racialism are splitting the world into pieces, the great question of civilization is whether there is any force that can really unite the world. We know that there is none apart from Christ. We know also that the Church of Christ is today a world community, made up of men and women of every race and nation. And now, in the movement for the World Council of Churches, which sixty-five national Churches have already joined, we are finding the way in which the Churches of all nations can function as one Body of Christ throughout the world. And in spite of the war the new ecumenical fellowship still holds. At the headquarters of the Provisional Committee of the World Council in Geneva today the staff includes not only three Christians of neutral countries but also a Frenchman, an Englishman and a German, who are working together as one Christian group. That is something new in the history of Protestantism. In the World War all contacts between the Churches of the warring nations were sundered. Today the channels of communication are open. If this fellowship can be maintained one dares to believe that the World Council of Churches will one day prove the truth of the great word which comes to us out of the second century after Christ in the Epistle to Diognetus, that "Christians hold the world together."

TREASURERS' REPORT

REPORT OF THE TREASURERS OF THE 1940 GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES STATED ON A CASH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 3, 1940, TO MAY 31, 1940, INCLUSIVE

The income for the period April 3, 1940, to May 31, 1940, inclusive, was from:

The Methodist Episcopal Church.....	\$88,000 00	
The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	42,500 00	
The Methodist Protestant Church.....	1,506 54	\$132,006 54
Loan payable advanced by The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.....		40,000 00
Sales of the <i>Daily Christian Advocate</i>		8,218 29
Miscellaneous.....		52 50
		<u>\$180,277 33</u>

Expenses and contributions paid for the period April 3, 1940, to May 31, 1940, inclusive, were for:

Expenses and allowances of Delegates of the General Conference:		
Travel.....	\$88,565 57	
Per diem allowance.....	38,100 00	\$126,665 57

Expenses of Committees and Commissions:

Committees:		
Ad Interim on Central Conferences.....	\$ 535 28	
Publicity.....	479 89	
Nineteen.....	1,451 73	
Location of Boards and Commissions.....	932 56	
Rules.....	258 99	
Study Committee on New Mission Legislation.....	1,513 41	
Program.....	21 00	
Commissions on:		
Entertainment.....	2,814 55	
Budget of World Service and Finance.....	831 16	8,838 57

Expenses of publishing the *Daily Christian Advocate*:

Printing and binding.....	\$10,249 34	
Travel.....	1,527 82	
Publicity and advertising.....	902 50	
Office supplies and equipment.....	614 43	
Postage and express.....	370 73	
Clerical.....	95 00	
Miscellaneous.....	20 39	
Honorariums.....	400 00	14,180 21

Expenses of the General Conference Secretary's office:

Clerical.....	\$ 810 50	
Travel.....	709 99	
Office supplies and equipment.....	608 45	
Postage and express.....	193 35	
Telephone and telegraph.....	63 87	
Miscellaneous.....	60 27	
Honorarium.....	500 00	2,946 43

Expenses of the General Conference Treasurer's office:

Clerical.....	\$ 181 30	
Travel.....	809 97	
Office supplies and equipment.....	206 72	
Postage and express.....	36 45	
Miscellaneous.....	4 83	1,239 27

Legal expenses.....		5,898 29
Stenotype reporters.....		1,578 27
Judicial Council.....		1,297 39
Hymnals.....		1,000 00
Delegate's Handbook.....		842 10
Episcopal Address.....		465 44
Badges.....		309 56
Fraternal delegates.....		79 17
Miscellaneous.....		89 23

\$165,429 50

Cash balance in the Fund, May 31, 1940, on deposit with the Equitable Trust Company, Atlantic City, New Jersey.....

\$ 14,847 83

O. GRANT MARSHAM,
WHITMORE & SMITH,
H. C. STALEY,
Treasurers.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have examined the accounts of O. Grant Markham, B. A. Whitmore, A. F. Smith, and H. C. Staley, Treasurers of The 1940 General Conference Expense Fund of The Methodist Church, for the period from April 3, 1940, to May 31, 1940, inclusive. We confirmed by direct correspondence the amounts received from The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church, and the amount of the loan advanced by The General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church. Letters and other records in support of amounts received from sales of the *Daily Christian Advocate* were examined and compared with the amounts recorded in the accounts. The total cash receipts were traced to amounts deposited in the bank as shown by the bank statement. All recorded disbursements were supported by paid checks. The cash on deposit as shown by the bank statement as at May 31, 1940, was reconciled with the balance shown in the books of account as at that date. A confirmation of the amount on deposit as at May 31, 1940, was received directly from the depository.

In our opinion, based upon such examination, the annexed statement of income and expenditures, stated on a cash basis, for the period April 3, 1940, to May 31, 1940, inclusive, summarizes the transactions recorded in the books of account for the period stated.

New York, June 25, 1940. LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Certified Public Accountants.

DECISIONS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church has declined to take jurisdiction of the following appeals and petitions for the reasons stated hereinafter respectively:

Appeal of Leroy G. White. Petition for reopening of appeal heard and determined by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1936. As the record shows that this appeal was finally determined prior to the Uniting Conference, accordingly under the provisions of ¶ 1624, *Discipline*, 1939, petition dismissed.

Petition of L. G. Cummins. Petition in the nature of a request for interpretation of ¶ 237 and ¶ 1341, *Discipline*, 1939. As the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council is now limited by the provisions of ¶¶ 604 to 609 inclusive, *Discipline*, 1939, petition dismissed.

Petition of Commission on World Service and Finance, Colorado Annual Conference. Petition for opinions on and interpretation of ¶ 812, *Discipline*, 1939. For reasons stated previously, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Appeal of Kenton H. Bird. Appeal from Dakota Annual Conference, 1932. As it appeared that no appeal was pending in this case at the time of the Uniting Conference, the appeal was dismissed as not coming under the provisions of ¶ 1624, *Discipline*, 1939.

Appeal of E. T. Gilmer. Appeal from Holston Annual Conference. Appeal dismissed for want of jurisdiction in this tribunal.

Petition of C. E. Whitiker. Petition in the nature of a request for opinion on precedence in election of General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates under ¶ 513, *Discipline*, 1939. As this matter does not come under the provisions of ¶¶ 604 to 609, inclusive, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petition of Board of Conference Claimants, Upper Iowa Annual Conference. Petition for opinion on certain Regulations of Pension Code, Illinois Corporation. For reasons above stated, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petition of E. M. Shockley. Petition in nature of request for opinion as to qualification of Executive Secretaries of Conference Boards of Education under ¶ 1172, *Discipline*, 1939. For reasons previously stated, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petition of Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference. Petition for opinion as to legality of appointment, by presiding Bishop, of a certain Supply Pastor, 1939. As this case was not presented as an appeal from the decision of a presiding Bishop, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petition of Trustees and Pastor of the Methodist Church of Las Vegas, New Mexico. Petition for opinion as to the present status of title to certain property of a consolidated church. As the petition has now been withdrawn, and also as the same does not come within the provisions of ¶¶ 604 to 609, petition dismissed.

Petition of J. A. Kettle. Petition for ruling on legality of disallowance of annuity by Northwest Iowa Conference. As this matter does not come before the Council as an appeal, but only as a request for an opinion, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petition of C. L. Hocking. Petition for review of ruling of presiding Bishop at session of Minnesota Annual Conference of the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, June 12, 1936. As it appears from the Conference Journal that no appeal was taken from the decision of the presiding Bishop, it is held that there was no undetermined appeal pending at the time of the Uniting Conference as provided by ¶ 1624, and accordingly petition dismissed.

Petition of B. W. Selin. Petition for opinion as title matters relating to property of Central Northwest Conference at Globe, Missouri. As this matter does not come under the provisions of ¶¶ 604 to 609, inclusive, petition dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

All members concur.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Decision of Bishop Edwin F. Lee, Philippine Annual Conference. At the session of the Philippine Conference, held in Manila, February 22-29, 1940, Bishop Edwin F. Lee made a decision of law in which he held that, under ¶ 974, Page 289, 1939 *Discipline* of the Methodist Church, Lay Missionaries, designated therein as "Associate Members" of the Annual Conference, were entitled to vote in the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference.

In due form Bishop Lee has certified this ruling to the Judicial Council to be passed upon as provided by Section 3, Article II of the Plan of Union. (¶ 43, Page 32, 1939 *Discipline*.)

In view of the fact that the Plan of Union, which is now the Constitution of The Methodist Church (¶ 24, Page 27, 1939 *Discipline*), and the statutory provisions for the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference (¶ 514, Page 161, 1939 *Discipline*) both provide that the Ministerial delegates to the General Conference shall be elected by the Ministerial members of the Annual Conference, we are unable to concur in this decision.

It is true that ¶ 974 does make Lay Missionaries "Associate Members" of the Annual Conference, but that does not change their status as lay members. It is, therefore, the judgment of the Judicial Council that the presiding Bishop was in error in permitting these lay members to vote in the election of Ministerial delegates to the General Conference.

All members concur.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Appeal of A. Lincoln Shute. In the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held October 5 to 10, 1937, Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, presiding, A. Lincoln Shute propounded certain questions numbered from one to seven, inclusive, relating to pension legislation. The questions affected interest in which said A. Lincoln Shute and the Annual Conference were then interested. The rulings of the Bishop being unsatisfactory to A. Lincoln Shute, he appealed to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and as such appeal was undetermined at the time of the Uniting Conference, the appeal passed to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church under the provisions of ¶ 1624 of the *Discipline* of 1939.

We might well dismiss this appeal because the questions at issue have now become moot through the consolidation of the Churches. New laws governing the issues presented to and passed upon by Bishop Richardson have been enacted. No vested rights of the appellant have been affected and his rights for the future are governed by the enactments of the consolidated Church. It cannot be useful to merely determine who was right, and who was wrong, as to the rulings in question in the 1937 Annual Conference.

We have felt, however, that it might be better to indicate the questions asked and the answers given, or ruling made, by the Bishop with an occasional short comment by this tribunal.

The substance of the first question asked by A. Lincoln Shute was:

"Is not ¶ 959, Section 1, of the *Discipline* of 1936, retroactive and therefore unconstitutional?"

The Bishop answered:

"It is retroactive but is not therefore unconstitutional."

We approve the ruling made by the Bishop as to that question. Many laws are retroactive in effect but not necessarily unconstitutional. Under the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Annual Conference was the sole judge of the annuity to be paid to a retired minister belonging to such conference (¶¶ 957, 958, 1936 *Discipline*), hence no vested right to a certain amount could arise, and the ¶ 959, Section 1, did not violate the terms of the constitution of that Church.

The second question, in substance, was: "Does the wiping out of the date line in connection with new legislation touching retroactive divided annuity responsibility under ¶ 959, Section 1, of the 1936 *Discipline*, render the Paragraph unconstitutional?"

The Bishop answered: "Any law passed by the General Conference is constitutional. Neither a Bishop nor all of them, nor any person or group, has the right to declare a General Conference act unconstitutional in the interim between General Conferences."

This ruling was made in 1937 and related to the 1936 *Discipline*. If the language quoted in the first sentence of the Bishop's answer is all he said, then we hold he was in error. Not all laws passed by the General Conference are constitutional. He undoubtedly meant that any law passed by a General Conference should be regarded as being constitutional until declared to be unconstitutional by the proper authority, which was then the General Conference. In any event the answer does not injuriously affect any matter in issue and is not reversible error. The second sentence of the answer is correct and we approve it.

The third question was: "We ask a ruling as to what laws are included, and what laws are excluded in the expression 'all questions of law' found in the *Discipline* of 1936, ¶ 674, Section 11, and particularly as to whether this Section puts the responsibility upon the presiding Bishop to decide the constitutionality of any law involved in proceedings pending in an Annual Conference, subject to appeal to the General Conference."

The Bishop answered: "'All questions of law' means what it says, but he must rule as the law is, regardless of his personal opinion."

We find no error in the answer of the Bishop, although he might well have declined to answer a question covering so wide a scope and presenting no concrete case or situation.

The fifth question asked was:

1. "Is it lawful for the Board of Pensions and Relief to fix an 'annuity rate' for each Annual Conference, when the *Discipline* says explicitly in ¶ 951, Section 3, that among the duties and powers of Stewards is the 'determination of annuity rates' and in ¶ 947, Section 3, 'The Annuity rate shall be determined by the United Sessions, without restriction'?"

The Bishop answered:

"The Board of Pensions has been given the right to announce to each Conference the minimum annuity rate it should use."

There is no error in this answer. It was a very careful exposition as to the suggested minimum rate, and in no wise abridged the rights of the Annual Conference.

The sixth question asked was:

"Referring to ¶ 947, Section 3, in the *Discipline* of 1936, and ¶ 959, Section 2 (the last sentence), is it lawful for the 'clearing house' to calculate such liabilities quadrennially, when the annuity rate must be dependent on these fluctuating liabilities from year to year, and when the *Discipline* says that the 'annuity rate' shall be determined 'annually'?"

The Bishop answered: "The minimum rate will be in effect. The Conference can fix a larger rate any time its receipts justify it."

We find no error in that ruling.

The appeal as to questions four and seven was withdrawn.

Having therefore examined each ruling presented to us, we affirm the rulings of Bishop Richardson, except as to the first sentence of the answer to the second question as above stated, and the appeal is dismissed.

All members of council concur.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Appeal of Willard L. Hadsell of the Nebraska Conference.

This case involves the location under ¶ 188, Section 2, of the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of W. L. Hadsell of the Nebraska Conference.

By the unanimous action of the Cabinet of the Nebraska Conference on March 5, 1935, the Appellant was requested to request location. He refused.

After a hearing on September 13, 1935, before the Committee on Conference Relations, at which the Appellant was present and participated and in which he was given full opportunity to be heard, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend his location and so reported to the Nebraska Conference presided over by Bishop Frederick D. Leete.

At the time of the consideration of the report by the Annual Conference on September 14, 1935, the presiding Bishop, for some reason not satisfactorily explained to this Court, refused to permit the Appellant to be heard in his own behalf. The report was adopted by the Conference by a vote of 162 to 81 and the Appellant was thereby located.

On March 10, 1936, nearly six months thereafter the following appeal was filed: "I respectfully notify the Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that I hereby appeal to a Judicial Conference from the actions of the Nebraska Annual Conference Executive Session held at Omaha, Nebraska, on September 14, 1935, locating me under ¶ 188, Section 2."

Commissioners were thereafter appointed to hear certain evidence as to the conduct of the Appellant after his location. A Judicial Conference was duly called and held April 6, 1937, at which the appeal of the Appellant was considered after which by a vote of 8 to 7 the Appellant's appeal was dismissed, from which dismissal the Appellant has properly appealed to this Court, it being in accordance with ¶ 1624, of the 1939 *Discipline*, an appeal from one of the uniting Churches which remained undetermined at the time of the Uniting Conference.

We find that the Appellant was improperly deprived of his right to be heard in his Annual Conference when the report of the Conference Relations Committee was being considered. If the case depended on that factor alone we would order the report of the Conference Relations Committee remanded to the Nebraska Conference for further consideration.

We must, however, find that by the Appellant's own actions and by

his own neglect since the time of his location, that he has forfeited any right to relief.

¶ 897, Section 11, of the 1936 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church provides that in all cases of appeal the Appellant shall furnish a written statement of the grounds of his appeal and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement. The Appellant did not comply with any of the requirements of this Section. He merely "appealed." This may seem technical, but judicial procedure as set forth in the *Discipline* is necessarily technical and must be complied with in order to protect both the interests of the parties involved and the Church.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1936 adopted a report of the Judiciary Committee. Report No. 9, Appeal of A. H. Magee, found on Page 459, of the General Conference *Journal* of 1936, in which an appeal was dismissed because the Appellant failed to furnish a written statement of the grounds of his appeal.

Of greater importance, however, than this failure to even attempt to comply with the provisions set forth in the *Discipline*, is the deliberate and open misconduct of the Appellant in directly defying the action of the Nebraska Conference in locating him and in his continuing to remain and preach at the Jamaica Charge where he had previously been appointed.

He was located September 14, 1935. A new appointment had been made to the Jamaica Charge. The Appellant, with the approval of the local church, continued to preach there. The local church refused to accept the new appointee. On September 27, 1935, the Appellant's District Superintendent notified him in writing that he was not an Accepted Supply pastor, that he had not been appointed to the Jamaica Charge, that he was violating the order and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church in continuing to hold sessions in that church and that if he persisted in holding services he would be subject to judicial procedure. Notwithstanding this notification the Appellant openly, publicly, and defiantly continued to preach and hold services in the Jamaica Church for a period of one and a half years.

This conduct was clearly such that he has thereby forfeited his right to appeal. ¶ 897, Section 4, of the 1936 *Discipline* provides that "in no case shall an appeal operate as a suspension of sentence." ¶ 897, Section 1, of the 1936 *Discipline* provides that "Appeals regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court unless it shall appear to said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the findings of the Committee on Investigation or of the Trial Court."

In Merrill's *Digest of the Religious Law*, 256-257, it states: "A member may forfeit his right of appeal by contumacious treatment of the Church and its authority." "No one can use the *Discipline* of the Church, occupying the time of those charged with its administration, without at least professing to be loyal and submissive to its authority."

In Report No. 44 of the Committee on Judiciary of the Methodist Episcopal Church we find in the *General Conference Journal* of 1932, Pages 629 and 630, the case of Guy Willis Holmes, where a Judicial Conference had voted that the Appellant had forfeited his right to appeal by his refusal to abide by the findings of the Trial Court and continued to preach. The Committee on Judiciary had ruled that that ruling was in accordance with the law of the Church and that report was adopted by the General Conference.

The action of the Appellant in continuing to preach after location, in defiance of the Church, is contumacious treatment of the Church and its authority and constitutes such gross and open disobedience of

the action of the Annual Conference that he has thereby forfeited any rights he might have had to appeal.

His appeal is therefore dismissed.

All members concur except M. A. Childers, dissenting.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

Dissenting opinion of M. A. Childers, member of the Judicial Council in the matter of the appeal of Rev. W. L. Hadsell from the action of the Nebraska Annual Conference in locating him, and from the action of a Judicial Conference in dismissing his said appeal. I concur with my colleagues in the following expression set forth in the opinion of the majority of the Judicial Council filed herein:

We find that the appellant was improperly deprived of his right to be heard in his Annual Conference when the report of the Conference Relations Committee was being considered. If the case depended on that factor alone we would order the report of the Conference Relations Committee remanded to the Nebraska Annual Conference for further consideration.

Under my interpretation of the law the question of what disposition should be made of his appeal does depend alone upon that factor, hence I cannot concur with them in holding that, by failure to set out the grounds of his appeal in connection with his notice of appeal, and by reason of his subsequent failure to abide by the action of the Annual Conference, he forfeited his rights of appeal.

The holding set forth in the majority opinion is based upon subdivisions or Sections I and II of ¶ 322, Page 273, of the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which reads as follows:

1. An appeal shall not be allowed in any case in which the accused has failed or refused to be present in person or by counsel at his trial. Appeals, regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court unless it shall appear to the said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the findings of the Committee of Investigation or the Trial Court or withdrawal from the Church, or failure to appear in person or by counsel to prosecute the appeal, or prior to the final decision on appeal from his convictions resorting to suit in the Civil Courts against the Complainant or any of the parties connected with the Ecclesiastical Court in which he was tried.

2. In all cases of appeal the Appellant, at the time he gives notice of his appeal, shall furnish to the officer receiving such notice, and to the counsel for the Church, a written statement of the grounds of his appeal and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement.

In my opinion these provisions with reference to appeals did not apply in the case of an appeal from the action of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in locating one of its Ministerial members under the "Involuntary Location" proceedings authorized by ¶ 188 of the 1932 *Discipline*, and ¶ 505 of the 1936 *Discipline*, for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

"Involuntary Location" takes away from a minister his right to "exercise his ministerial office," one of the most precious rights in all the relationships of the Church. Conceding that by a strict construction of the above mentioned Paragraph, under which said right may be taken away from a minister without his consent, was constitutional, reason and justice both dictate that its every provision should be strictly complied with. In this case the orderly procedure broke down at a vital point. It required action by the Annual Conference on the report of the Committee on Conference Relations before location could

become effective. Such a report was subject to debate, for it was the action of the Annual Conference, and not that of the Committee, which deprived a minister of his right to exercise his ministerial office.

It is admitted that when this report was before the Annual Conference a representative for the Cabinet and another for the Committee on Conference Relations appeared, and that, at least one of them "gave information" to the Conference regarding the matter on which the Cabinet and the Committee had based their actions.

It is also admitted that the Appellant sought to present his side of the matter to the Conference but that he was denied the right to be heard, and that the Annual Conference voted upon the Committee Report without Appellant's side of the controversy ever having been presented. My colleagues concede this to be reversible error. It was such error. It was the depriving of this minister of one of the most important of all human rights, that is, the right to be heard by the tribunal that was about to deprive him of the office of minister—one of the most precious relations in the Church of God. This was not a trial as guaranteed by the Constitution. If the orderly procedure under this statute could be construed as a trial it broke down in its application in this case at the most crucial point, that is at the point where, in a trial, the accused would have the right to be heard by the tribunal trying him.

Such violation of the fundamental rights of a minister is no more to be condoned than the contumacious conduct of such minister in refusing to abide by the decision of the tribunal which had thus denied him his fundamental rights.

Third—Subdivisions of Sections I and II, ¶ 322 of the 1932 *Discipline*, hereinbefore quoted, at best were limitations upon the constitutional right of appeal. They appeared under the heading "Judicial Administration," and according to their own terms were a part of the law of the Church relating to charges, Investigating Committees, Trials, Trial Courts, etc.

"Involuntary Location," however, appeared under an entirely different heading or division of the *Discipline*, viz.: "Membership in the Annual Conference." Furthermore this "Involuntary Location" proceeding had its own provision for appeal, and that without limitation or restriction. Section (6) of ¶ 505, 1936 *Discipline*, reads as follows:

6. A preacher located under the provisions of this Paragraph shall have the right to appeal to a Judicial Conference within six months after such location.

¶ 188 of the 1932 *Discipline* contained the following:

"He shall have the right to appeal within six months to a Judicial Conference."

Thus the right of appeal from an involuntary location was absolute, except as to the time in which it was required to be taken, and no provision was made for it to be forfeited by misconduct thereafter. Nor was there any provision designating any particular form for the appeal or requiring any particular statement of the grounds of appeal. If the General Conference had desired such limitations and restrictions to be placed upon the appeal of a minister from the action of an Annual Conference in locating him, it could have enacted such provisions and made them to so apply, subject to the Constitutional provisions guaranteeing to every Minister the right of trial and appeal. (Section 5, ¶ 90, 1936 *Discipline*.) Apparently it did not do so. Therefore in so applying them in this appeal the Judicial Council may be doing by judicial construction that which the General Conference failed to do by specific legislation. I am unwilling to take that chance when by remanding the report of the Committee to the Annual Conference for further consideration the Church can correct its own

admitted error and relieve itself of all possible grounds for censure in that respect, without losing its right to deal with the appellant in the light of his conduct both before and subsequent to his location. Even if there might be an inference that the General Conference intended to make such limitations apply in "Involuntary Location" proceedings, it is doubtful if a limitation upon a constitutional right should be given any standing by inference in the absence of specific legislation clearly and unequivocally making it so to apply.

It follows, therefore, as a logical conclusion, that Appellant's appeal should have been heard by the Judicial Conference, and that because of the denial to the Appellant of his fundamental right to be heard by the tribunal which deprived him of his ministerial office, the judgment of the Annual Conference in locating the Appellant should have been reversed, and the Report of the Committee on Conference Relations remanded to the Nebraska Annual Conference for further consideration. The Judicial Conference having failed to hear the appeal and remand the Report, such action in my judgment, should now be taken by the Judicial Council.

However, let it be understood that I am not condoning in the least the conduct of Appellant in refusing to abide by the action of the Annual Conference. The Church, however, is not left without protection in this respect. If it be true, as alleged, and which seems practically to have been admitted, that he has been guilty of contumacy, and has failed to abide by the action of the Annual Conference in locating him, or if he has been guilty of any other misconduct, such can, and no doubt would, be made known in the reconsideration of the matter by the Annual Conference, and appropriate action taken.

If Appellant has any explanation in defense of or in extenuation of his conduct subsequent to the action of the Annual Conference, or in reply to the matters relied upon for his location in the first instance, he could present the same. The Annual Conference, then, could act with full knowledge in the premises, and could protect every right both of the Church and of the Appellant. Such, I believe, would be the proper course in disposing of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CHILDERS.

In Re: Central Conference Bishops. This case comes before the Judicial Council upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, and is stated in the following form:

"Whereas, the Uniting Conference enacted ¶ 462, to-wit:

"A Central Conference shall have power to fix the tenure of Bishops elected by said Central Conference; provided that such tenure shall not be for a term longer than that in force at the time for Bishops elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences.

"We submit to the Judicial Council the question as to the power of the Uniting Conference under the present Constitution, to authorize the election of a Bishop for a limited tenure."

The Plan of Union by ¶ 43, Article II, Section 1, gives to the Judicial Council power "to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops." The General Conference has taken action re-enacting all of the *Discipline* of 1939 (see Page 94, D. C. A., 1940). Therefore the section under review is an act of this General Conference and consequently the Judicial Council may assume jurisdiction.

The Second Restrictive Rule says: "The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our Government so as to do away with Episcopacy, or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency."

The questions which must first be determined are: (1) Of what does

our Episcopacy consist? (2) What is the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency?

Fortunately the same instrument which contains our Restrictive Rules contains provisions also for Bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and Bishops elected by Central Conferences. (See Section IV and Section V of the Plan of Union.) These Sections clearly show that there are two kinds of Bishops, those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and those elected by Central Conferences. There are limitations on the powers of Central Conference Bishops which are not on those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences, but however much they may differ as to power, each is a part of our Episcopacy and a part of the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency.

We are here construing the Second Restrictive Rule in the light of the identical Constitution which contains it. Our Episcopacy and the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency are described in other Paragraphs of equal force and validity. So far, therefore, we can find no provisions making term tenure for Central Conference Bishops unconstitutional.

If unconstitutionality be inferred by appealing to "our historic Episcopacy" we must state that we are dealing with our present Episcopacy and our present plan of itinerant General Superintendency, and must insist that there is a distinction between General Superintendents and Central Conference Superintendents.

In the former Methodist Episcopal Church, in order to provide for Central Conference Bishops, it was decided that the Restrictive Rule with which we are dealing must be changed by constitutional process and it was accordingly amended. What was there secured by such constitutional process is now secured in other parts of the present Constitution. This has a special point here because in construing the powers of the General Conference under this amended Restrictive Rule, it was held that Central Conferences could elect Bishops for a limited term in the Methodist Episcopal Church. (§ 101, Section 57, *Discipline*, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1936.) Hence permission to Central Conferences to elect Bishops for a limited term became a part of the plan of the itinerant General Superintendency of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The pertinence of the foregoing to this decision will be seen by reference to Division Three, "Episcopacy," § 34, Article 1, "There shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." Therefore, since in the Methodist Episcopal Church it was a part of the plan of the Episcopacy to allow Central Conference Bishops to be elected for a limited term at the option of any Central Conference, it is now a part of the plan of the Episcopacy of The Methodist Church.

We determine therefore that the second Section of § 462 is constitutional.

All members of the Council concur, and J. S. French files the following concurring opinion:

"While unable to follow the reasoning of the majority, by another line of reasoning I reach the same conclusion and concur in the opinion that § 462 is constitutional."

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Election of Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Mission Conferences. This matter comes before the Judicial Council as an appeal by one-fifth of the members of the General Conference.

The question as to the constitutionality of ¶ 492 of the *Discipline* is stated in the following manner:

"WHEREAS, the Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the appeal of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference (¶ 43, Section 1) and

"WHEREAS, the Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Section 13) and

"WHEREAS, in the Legislation in the *Discipline*, ¶ 492, the following statement occurs: 'A Mission Conference . . . may elect one Ministerial and one Lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference,' which seems to be in contradiction to the above mentioned statement in the Plan of Union;

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the General Conference request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the statement in ¶ 492 and report to the General Conference its Decision." (See *Daily Christian Advocate*, Page 262.)

¶ 13 of the *Discipline* which is a part of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The General Conference shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences, provided that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay delegates, the Ministerial to be elected by the Ministerial members of the Annual Conferences and the Lay delegates by the Lay members."

¶ 492 reads as follows: "A Mission Conference is authorized to exercise the powers of an Annual Conference . . . and its members . . . may elect one Ministerial and one Lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference."

It is the fundamental law that the Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it, inter alia, the right to vote on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. (See ¶ 22, *Discipline*, 1939.)

Reference to other Paragraphs of the Constitution confirms the conclusion that the Annual Conference only is the body to which is granted the right to elect Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

The granting to the General Conference of the power to define and fix the powers of Mission Conferences must be construed in connection with the other provisions of the Constitution, and cannot be construed to give unlimited authority to create other Conferences, whether they be called Mission Conferences, Provisional Conferences, or otherwise, which would take rank with Annual Conferences, and have equal powers and duties.

The Constitution clearly intends that the General Conference shall give only such powers to Mission Conferences as may not be in conflict with the basic law of the Church to which reference has been made.

It follows therefore that such part of ¶ 492 of the *Discipline* which attempts to grant to "the members" of Mission Conferences the right to elect Delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences must be declared unconstitutional.

All members concur.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Election of Delegates to Central Conferences by Mission Conferences. This matter comes before the Judicial Council as an

appeal by one-fifth of the members of the General Conference. The question as to the constitutionality of certain parts of ¶ 452 of the *Discipline* is stated in the following manner:

"WHEREAS, The Plan of Union provides that an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of an action of the General Conference upon the request of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference (¶ 43, Section 1) and

"WHEREAS, The Plan of Union designates that the delegates to the Conference shall be chosen from the Ministerial and Lay members of the Annual Conferences (Section 17) and

"WHEREAS, In the legislation in the *Discipline*, ¶ 452, the following statement occurs: 'Each Annual Conference and Mission Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates (to the Central Conference),' which seems to be in contradiction to the above-mentioned statement in the Plan of Union;

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the General Conference request the Judicial Council to consider the constitutionality of the statement in ¶ 452 and report to the General Conference its decision."

The principles involved in the decision of this question are very similar to the questions raised as to the constitutionality of another Paragraph of the *Discipline* as to the election of delegates to Jurisdictional Conference by Mission Conferences.

¶ 452 provides inter alia as follows: "The Central Conference shall be composed of Ministerial members elected by Ministers and Lay members elected by Laymen. . . . Each Annual Conference and Mission Conference shall be entitled to at least two Ministerial and two Lay Delegates."

We call attention again to the provision of ¶ 22 of the *Discipline* which makes the Annual Conference the basic body of the Church and that it has reserved to it the right to vote on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. In other words the Annual Conference only is the body to which is granted the right to elect delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences as well as Central Conferences.

For the further reasons stated in the opinion already filed in the matter of the constitutionality of the election of delegates to Jurisdictional Conferences by Mission Conferences, it must be held that such provision of ¶ 452 of the *Discipline* which attempts to grant the right to Mission Conferences to elect delegates to Central Conferences must be declared unconstitutional.

All members concur.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

In Re: Constitutionality of Addition to ¶ 230, Fixing Retirement Age for Ministers. At the session of the General Conference held May 3, 1940, there was adopted the following:

"Amend the *Discipline* of 1939 by adding another Article to be known as Article 2, ¶ 230 at the close of Article 1 to read as follows:

"Every clerical member of an Annual Conference whose 72d birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of his Annual Conference shall automatically be retired from the active ministry at said Conference session.

"This action is to become effective with the Annual Conference of 1942."

Immediately thereafter the determination of the constitutionality of this enactment was appealed to the Judicial Council by the vote of more than one-fifth of the members of the General Conference.

In behalf of those contending that this act is unconstitutional, it is

urged that the question is answered by Article II of Section VII of the Constitution, ¶ 22, of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the Lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and Conference relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

On the other hand, the proponents of the constitutionality refer to Article II of Section I of the Constitution, ¶ 8 of the 1939 *Discipline* as follows:

"Article IV.—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said power shall have authority as follows:

"To define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons, Supply Preachers, Local Preachers, Exhorters, and Deaconesses.

"To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, and of District, Quarterly and Church Conferences."

It therefore becomes necessary to construe the different sections of the Constitution, having in mind the general principle of constitutional construction that legislation enacted under any grant of power must be upheld unless it is clearly in conflict with the Constitution interpreted as a whole.

In the construction of the Constitution as a whole we must also read Article III, Division 2, ¶ 4, of the 1939 *Discipline*, as follows:

"There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church, with such powers, duties and privileges as are hereinafter set forth."

It is important to bear in mind in considering what may appear to be the inconsistent wording of these different portions of the Constitution, that much of ¶ 22, was taken from the 1932 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, wherein the powers of the Annual Conference (which was then composed of the clerical members only) were outlined as against those of the Lay Conference, composed of lay members; and therefore must be interpreted with that connotation.

The question at issue seems to be as to whether or not the fixing of the retirement age for ministers is a connectional matter. It must be conceded that the General Conference is the supreme legislative body of The Methodist Church and has been specifically empowered to legislate on all matters distinctively connectional. The Constitution specifically enumerates many items over which the General Conference shall have such authority in legislating, so as to make all such matters uniform throughout the Church.

It is unnecessary to mention all the subjects which have been so included in the legislative program of the General Conference, but it is sufficient to name only fixing of educational qualifications of ministers, location of ministers, minimum age limit for retirement, and similar matters.

What was meant by the term "connectional" put into our Constitution has another historical aspect. In each of the three Churches when a minister completed all the requirements and was admitted into the Conference, he was "admitted into full connection." That meant that while his membership was in the Conference so receiving him, his relationship was a "connectional" one and that he was eligible for trans-

fer elsewhere into the "connection." If, therefore, joining the Conference was a "connectional" matter, surely retirement from active service is likewise a connectional matter.

It can hardly be denied that the age of a minister is a continuing qualification, and as such is the subject matter for legislation. It is inconceivable that the General Conference should have full legislative powers so that it can enact uniform legislation for the whole Church, and that at the same time each Annual Conference could also have the right to enact diverse and conflicting regulations, on the same subject.

The reservation of the right to the ministerial members of an Annual Conference to "vote on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members," is not a distinctively legislative function but is rather an administrative function. It can only mean that the Annual Conference has the right as well as the duty to pass upon and determine the facts and apply the law in all such cases in accordance with the uniform regulations and provisions which the General Conference may enact in reference to the same. In other words, the right reserved to the ministers of an Annual Conference to pass upon the character and Conference relations of its ministers does not mean that it has the legislative right to set up standards to measure the character and Conference relations of the Ministers except insofar as such standards do not contravene or are not covered by provisions enacted for the whole Church by the General Conference.

Thus as it is held that the General Conference is the only body that can legislate for the "entire Church," and has the specific authority to legislate on "all matters distinctively connectional," and since it is also held that the matter of uniform regulations for retirement of Ministers is a connectional matter then it must follow that authority to enact such laws is vested in the General Conference.

Therefore by applying the well established rule of construing an instrument as a whole, it must be held that two portions of the Constitution in question are not conflicting, but that each applies to separate and distinct matters. It follows then that the Addition to ¶ 230 as adopted by the General Conference is constitutional, and we so hold.

All members concur except J. S. French who files herewith a dissenting opinion.

F. R. BAYLEY, *President*;

H. R. VAN DEUSEN, *Secretary*.

Dissenting Opinion of J. S. French, Member of the Judicial Council, in the Matter of Report No. 11 of the Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Retirement Age for Ministers." Up to the time when the delegated General Conference was established, the Annual Conferences had all power. The General Conference of that day was a mass convention of the entire ministry of the Church in full connection. There are no terms too broad or too high to express the unlimited powers which belonged to it. But upon the establishment of such a delegated body, the Annual Conferences committed to it "full powers to make rules and regulations for our Church under the following limitations and restrictions." Then follow the six Restrictive Rules. It may be said frankly and without reserve that nowhere in these Rules is there a limitation on the General Conference which would prevent it passing a retirement age for ministers, such as in Report No. 11, of the Committee on Ministry. Up to the time when what was ¶ 63 (Annual Conferences) in the *Discipline* of 1936 of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, was passed, and to the time of the Uniting Conference

in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, such legislation would have been entirely constitutional in these respective bodies.

But we are no longer governed by those Constitutions, but by the Plan of Union, which has been declared to be our Constitution and under which, by constitutional methods adhering in the respective Churches, the union of the Churches was legally effected. In this Constitution, it is plainly declared that "the Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all other matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial members" (§ 22, *Discipline* of 1939, a part of the Constitution), and it fixes it the more firmly in its rights in this respect by affirming that only ministers may vote on such relations, thus eliminating the possibility of a General Conference passing such legislation as is here contemplated since it is composed of laymen in equal number with ministers and no restrictions are laid upon them in their voting. In fact, this legislation was passed with laymen voting.

It has been contended that under § 8, Sections 2 and 3, the General Conference has a constitutional right to pass such an act. But this Article IV, § 8, gives to the General Conference "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional," and only by an accommodation of language utterly foreign to any rule of interpretation can it be said that the matter of deciding Annual Conference relations is connectional. It is purely local. Sections 2 and 3 plainly deal only with connectional, not local matters—i.e., to "define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons," etc., which are to be the same everywhere—i.e., to lay down rules regarding educational and moral and other qualifications for these orders and classes in the Church. Section 3 affirms that the General Conference is to "define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences," etc., but in doing so it plainly cannot fly in the face of a clear affirmation that only the Annual Conference, as the "basic body of the Church," has the power to vote on the "Conference relations of its Ministerial members," and only its ministerial members vote on such a matter.

It may be argued that this matter in § 22 (which has just been quoted), was brought into the Constitution from the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church when the Lay Conference was established in order to confine Ministerial Conference relations to a vote of ministers, and that a vote is all the Annual Conference has. But the right to vote inevitably carries with it, in any but a despotic government, the right to decide, and by whatever means or for whatever purpose, it was introduced into the Constitution, this right of the clerical members of an Annual Conference to determine the Conference relations of its ministerial members is in the Constitution and a vital part of the Plan of Union.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the action of the General Conference on May 3, 1940, with relation to above stated report of the Committee on Ministry, was unconstitutional.

J. S. FRENCH.

MEMORIALS REFERRED

The following memorials were received by the Secretary of the Uniting Conference. We give the source of the Memorial, the subject of which it treats, and the Committee to which it has been referred.

Memorials 1 to 36, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.

No. 1. Nebraska Conference, by John E. Ekwall, on Retirement of Board of Secretaries.

No. 2. Kansas Conference, by Nelson P. Horn, on Benevolences.

No. 3. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Educational Phases of Benevolence Work in Local Congregations.

No. 4. Southern Illinois Conference, by Roy N. Kean, on Request for Missionary Money to be Returned to Local Conference for Educational Purposes among Local Churches.

No. 5. By Thomas E. Colley et al, Erie Annual Conference, on Division of Responsibilities and Duties of Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

No. 6. Malaya Annual Conference, by Ho Seng Ong, on Endorsing the Uniting of The Methodist Church.

No. 7. By A. D. Litchfield et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on The Membership of Quadrennial Boards.

No. 8. By A. D. Litchfield et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on The General and Conference Boards Reporting the Names and Salaries of Their Employees to the Conference.

No. 9. Association of Schools and Colleges of Methodist Church, by Gideon I. Humphreys, on Insert Recommendation in Discipline in Behalf of Association Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church.

No. 10. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, by Frederick L. Pedersen, on Bi-Lingual Work Property.

No. 11. By A. M. Wells et al, Illinois Conference, on Bishop's Residence.

No. 12. By Alfred C. Crawford, Rock River Conference, on Church Lay Leaders.

No. 13. By Alfred C. Crawford, Rock River Conference, on Vice-Chairman of the Official Board.

No. 14. By Alfred C. Crawford, Rock River Conference, on Organization of Lay Members of Annual Conference.

No. 15. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Benevolence Work Directed to Educational Phases of the Work of the Church.

No. 16. Association of Methodist Historical Societies, by J. W. Weldon, on Historical Archives.

No. 17. By W. P. King et al, North Georgia Conference, on Depository of Historical Records.

No. 18. By Kirby Henderson et al, North Georgia Conference, on Parliamentary Law in *Discipline*.

No. 19. Board of Lay Activities, Southwest Texas Conference, by W. W. Jackson, on Change in *Discipline* Concerning Lay Activities.

No. 20. Louisville Annual Conference, by Roy H. Short, on Historical Archives.

No. 21. Colorado Annual Conference, by Charles E. Schofield, on Alternative Plan for Distributing Apportionments among the several Charges of the Conference.

No. 22. Central Conference of Philippine Islands, by Vicente S. Cordero, on Episcopal Fund.

No. 23. Board of Church Extension, by T. D. Ellis, on Trustees of Church Property.

No. 24. Commission on World Service and Finance, by R. K. Swenerton, on Conference Treasurers.

No. 25. Commission on World Service and Finance, by R. K. Swenerton, on Designated Gifts.

No. 26. Kansas Conference, by Nelson P. Horn, on Division of Benevolences.

No. 27. By Alfred G. Crawford, Rock River Conference, on Election of Executive Secretary of Board of Lay Activities.

No. 28. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Church Membership.

No. 29. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Baptized Children.

No. 30. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Commission on World Service and Finance.

No. 31. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Recording Steward.

No. 32. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Nominating District Steward.

No. 33. New Hampshire Conference, by William R. Locke, on Nominating Committee.

No. 34. By Claude Young et al, Indiana, North Indiana, and Northwest Indiana Conferences, on Stewards.

No. 35. By Ed M. Barrett et al, First Methodist Church, Clairton, Pa., on Classification of Members of The Methodist Church.

No. 36. By Alfred C. Crawford, Rock River Conference, on Charge Lay Leader.

Memorials 37 to 63, inclusive, were referred to the Committee on Ministry.

No. 37. North China Conference, by Arthur B. Coole, on Definition of Terms in 1939 *Discipline*.

No. 38. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Amendment ¶ 257 concerning ordination of ministers.

No. 39. North Alabama Annual Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Tenure of Office of District Superintendent.

No. 40. North Alabama Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Pertaining to Full Connectional Ministry.

No. 41. Southwest Mexican Conference, by E. Alvarez, on Term of Office of District Superintendent in Foreign-Language Conferences in United States.

No. 42. Southwest Mexican Conference, by E. Alvarez, on Reform Law on Requirements for Admission on Trial of Spanish-speaking preachers.

No. 43. Alabama Annual Conference, by Henry M. Andrews, on Change in Marriage Laws.

No. 44. Kiangsi Annual Conference, by Carleton Lacy, on Return of Bishop Arthur J. Moore to China.

No. 45. By A. D. Litchfield et al., Louisville Annual Conference, on Recognition of Supply Work.

No. 46. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, by Roy L. Sprague, on Located Ministers.

No. 47. East Oklahoma, by E. L. Jorns, on Chaplains to Hospitals.

No. 48. East Oklahoma Conference, by E. L. Jorns, on Lay Preachers.

No. 49. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Ordination of Ministers.

No. 50. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Religious Instruction for the Deaf.

No. 51. Springfield District Conference, Ohio Conference, by John Taylor Alton, on Duties, Powers, Limitations of the Episcopacy.

No. 52. Minnesota Conference, on Chaplains in the Army, etc.

No. 53. Norwegian-Danish Conference, by E. Morris England, on Chaplains in the Army, etc.

No. 54. By M. M. Maxwell et al, North Georgia Conference, on Term of District Superintendents.

No. 55. By J. W. O. McKibben et al, North Georgia Conference, on Giving Jurisdictional Conference Authority to elect the Number of Years, Four or Six, a Bishop May Appoint a District Superintendent.

No. 56. By Lester Rumble et al, North Georgia Conference, on Retired Bishops.

No. 57. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Returned Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference.

No. 58. Colorado Annual Conference, by Charles E. Schofield, on Rights and Privileges of Unordained Supply Pastors.

No. 59. Lucknow Annual Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on Selection of District Superintendents at the Annual Conference.

No. 60. By J. W. O. McKibben et al, North Georgia Conference, on Four-Year Term of District Superintendent.

No. 61. By John W. Perry et al, Wisconsin Conference, on Retirement of Preachers.

No. 62. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Accepted Supply Pastors.

No. 63. Women's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, by Mrs. A. R. Walker, on Women in the Ministry.

Memorials 64 to 73, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Education.

No. 64. West Wisconsin Conference, by George R. Bell, on Combination of Youth Publications.

No. 65. By J. H. Nicholson et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on Limiting the Time of Service for the Church Superintendent.

No. 66. By C. L. Crippin et al, East Oklahoma Conference and West Oklahoma Conference, on Epworth Leagues.

No. 67. Hornell District Conference-Genesee Conference, by M. L. Hallock, on Religious Work for Methodist Students.

No. 68. Ohio Conference, by Asa J. Kestle, on Graduate Course Credit.

No. 69. Association of Methodist Theological Executives, by Charles E. Schofield, on Survey of Ministerial Needs and Methods of Recruiting for the Ministry in The Methodist Church.

No. 70. Newark Conference, by Norman P. Champlin, on co-operation between the Commission on Courses of Study and the Graduate Schools of Theology.

No. 71. Methodist Conference on Christian Education by M. Earl Cunningham, on Directors of Christian Education.

No. 72. Southern California-Arizona Commission on World Service and Finance, by R. K. Swenerton, on Rally Day in the Church School.

No. 73. New Hampshire Conference, by William R. Locke, on Historical Statement.

Memorials 74 to 91, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

No. 74. North Alabama Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Continuance of Special Day of Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 75. Alabama Annual Conference by Henry M. Andrews, on Continuance of Special Day for the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 76. Malaya Annual Conference, by Ho Seng Ong, on Amalgamating Work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society with Board of Foreign Missions.

No. 77. Tennessee Conference, by Willard H. Blue, on Continuance of Special Day for Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 78. South Georgia Conference, by B. A. Pofford, on Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 79. North Mississippi Conference, by R. G. Lord, on Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 80. By Irby Henderson et al, North Georgia Conference, on Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 81. New Mexico Conference, by A. C. Douglas, on Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 82. Colorado Conference, by Ronald E. Terry, on Amendment of ¶ 937 Regarding Board of Managers of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

No. 83. West Texas Conference, by Olin W. Nail, on Special Day of Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 84. North Texas Conference, by R. G. Mood, on Continuance of the Fourth Sunday Missionary Day.

No. 85. South Carolina Conference, by George K. Way, on Adoption of Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 86. Upper South Carolina Conference, by L. E. Wiggins, on Continuance of the Special Day of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

No. 87. Alabama Annual Conference, by Henry M. Andrews, on Missionary Institutes.

No. 88. Board of Church Extension, by T. D. Ellis, on Church Extension.

No. 89. Sumatra Mission Conference, by Egon N. Ostrom, on Endorsing Missionary Emphasis at Home as Set Forth in ¶¶ 1032-1070.

No. 90. Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, by J. Wesley Hole, on Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

No. 91. Texas Annual Conference, by J. Harvey Carlin, on Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

Memorials 92 to 110, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

No. 92. Michigan Conference, by E. H. Babbitt, on Providing a Weekly Magazine for the Youth of Methodism.

No. 93. West Wisconsin Conference, by Ivan S. Cowan, on Continuance of *Christian Advocate* with Jurisdictional Editions.

No. 94. Nebraska Annual Conference, by John W. Ekwall, on Publishing Interests.

No. 95. By Robert Johnson et al, Oregon Conference Epworth League Council, on Request for Weekly Youth Paper, Merging Best of Present Youth Publications.

No. 96. North Dakota Conference, by R. Jay Wilson, on One Official Church Press.

No. 97. North Alabama Annual Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Publishing Interests.

No. 98. By Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., et al, Book Committees of Uniting Conference, on Publishing Interests.

No. 99. Alabama Annual Conference, by Henry M. Andrews, on Conservation of the Several *Advocates*, Recognized Organs of One or More Annual Conferences.

No. 100. By A. D. Litchfield et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on One General Church Paper.

No. 101. South Georgia Annual Conference, by T. H. Guerry, on Church Press.

No. 102. Minnesota Annual Conference, on Church Press.

No. 103. Norwegian-Danish Conference, by E. Morris England, on Church Press.

No. 104. Southwest Texas Conference, by Olin W. Nail, on Unified Denominational Church Press.

No. 105. Indiana Annual Conference, by H. W. Baldridge, on Young People's Weekly.

No. 106. By W. W. Sweet et al, Indianapolis Area, on Record Books.

No. 107. Board of Stewards, Wingfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark., by J. R. Bullington, on Church-Wide Periodical.

No. 108. New Hampshire Conference, by William R. Locke, on Quarterly and Annual Conference Boards and Committees.

No. 109. New Hampshire Conference, by William R. Locke, on Church-Wide Weekly.

No. 110. New Hampshire Conference, by William R. Locke, on Independent Methodist Press.

Memorials 110 to 142, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Conference Claimants.

No. 111. Oregon Annual Conference, by Thomas D. Yarnes, on Amending the Pension Code relative to Divided Annuity Responsibility.

No. 112. Kansas Conference, by Merle W. Whitlow, on Recognizing Annuity Rights of Ministers Who Have Transferred to Another Branch of Methodism.

No. 113. Upper Iowa Conference, by F. A. Lindhorst, on Amending ¶ 1319, Sec. 1, relative to "Years of Approved Service."

No. 114. Board of Pensions, by Missouri Corporation, on Amending ¶ 1340, Sec. 2, Divided Annuity Responsibility.

No. 115. Southern Illinois Conference, by Roy N. Kean, on Removing Inequities under ¶ 1330, Art. XVI, Pensions.

No. 116. By A. D. Litchfield et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on Compensation for Retired Ministers.

No. 117. By A. M. Wells et al, Illinois Conference, on Board of Claimants.

No. 118. Norwegian-Danish Conference, by E. Morris England, on Pensions.

No. 119. Colorado Conference, by W. E. Blackstock, on Pensions.

No. 120. Florida Conference, by D. A. Cooke, on Unified Pension System.

No. 121. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 122. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 123. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 124. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 125. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 126. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 127. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 128. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 129. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 130. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Pensions.

No. 131. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Amending ¶ 1313, Sec. 2, relative to Contributions by Pastors for Conference Claimants.

No. 132. Upper Iowa Conference, by H. H. Dill, on Pensions.

No. 133. Newark Annual Conference, by J. E. Charlton, on Pensions.

No. 134. Kansas Conference, by Merle W. Whitlow, on Recognizing

Annuity Rights of Ministers Who Have Transferred to Another Branch of The Methodist Church.

No. 135. Erie Annual Conference, by David J. Blasdel, on Continuance of Distribution of the Conference Claimants Funds, as is.

No. 136. By W. A. Newing, Wisconsin Conference, on Retroactive Pension Legislation.

No. 137. Indiana Annual Conference, by H. W. Baldrige, on Annuity Payments.

No. 138. Board of Pensions, by Charles W. Tadlock, on Service Years.

No. 139. Board of Pensions, by Charles W. Tadlock, on Remittance of Superannuate Support.

No. 140. Board of Conference Claimants by Raymond A. Withey, on Pension Plans.

No. 141. Colorado Conference, by W. E. Blackstock, on Pensions.

No. 142. California Conference, by John R. Kenney, on Minimum Annuity.

Memorials 143 to 217, inclusive, have been referred to Committee on Conferences.

No. 143. North China Conference, by Arthur B. Coole, on Authority to Elect Four Bishops for China.

No. 144. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Amending Paragraph in regard to Annual Conference Business.

No. 145. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Revising Tabulation Reports for Annual Conferences.

No. 146. North Alabama Annual Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Requesting Conference President W. S. C. S. be made a member of Annual Conference, also the Conference Lay Leader.

No. 147. Alabama Annual Conference, by Henry M. Andrew, on Leaving West Florida in the Alabama Conference.

No. 148. Malaya Annual Conference, by Ho Seng Ong, on Placing Singapore Area under direction of North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

No. 149. By A. D. Litchfield et al, Louisville Annual Conference, on Minimum Salaries for Pastors.

No. 150. By Miss Ida H. Remick, Recording Steward, Ayers' Village Methodist Church, Haverhill, Mass., on Ruling allowing one delegate to Annual Conference from each Charge should be changed to one delegate from each Church.

No. 151. Central Northwest Conference, by Fred Stromberg, on Dissolving of Central Northwest Conference to merge with another Conference.

No. 152. Savannah Conference, by C. W. Prothro on continuance of Savannah Conference for next four years.

No. 153. Utah Mission, by W. E. Blackstock, on Missions in the U. S. to have delegates in the Jurisdictional Conference.

No. 154. Utah Mission, by W. E. Blackstock, on Missions in the United States to have delegates in the General Conference.

No. 155. Central New York Conference, by H. G. Stearns, on Conference Nominating Committee.

No. 156. Central China Conference, by Frank C. Gale, on Lay Representation in Annual Conferences of the Central Conference of Eastern Asia.

No. 157. Central China Conference, by Frank C. Gale, on Authority given to Central Conference of Eastern Asia to decide what special appointments the Bishops can make in Eastern Asia.

No. 158. Central China Conference, by Frank C. Gale, on Authority to Elect Four Bishops for Central Conference of Eastern Asia.

No. 159. Central Alabama Conference, by W. L. Turner, on Liberia Annual Conference placed with the Central Jurisdiction.

No. 160. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Tabulation Reports for Conferences.

No. 161. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Indication of Days of Conference Business in Which Laymen Participate.

No. 162. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Board Secretaries Ex-officio Delegates.

No. 163. South Georgia Conference, by Thomas H. Thompson, on Term of District Superintendent.

No. 164. Ohio Conference, by Asa J. Kestle, on Method of Electing Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

No. 165. Norwegian-Danish Annual Conference, by E. Morris England, on Continuance of Norwegian-Danish Conference.

No. 166. Central Provinces Conference, by W. Scholberg, on Provision for Women's Conference in the Foreign Fields.

No. 167. Central Provinces Conferences, by W. Scholberg, on Delegates of the Southern Asia Field.

No. 168. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Transfer of Chinese Work of the Sumatra Mission Conference to the Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference.

No. 169. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Enabling Act to Organize Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference into an Annual Conference.

No. 170. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference Attached to North Central Jurisdiction under Bishop Lee.

No. 171. Mississippi Annual Conference (Central), by J. Beverly F. Shaw, on Missionary Conference in Africa Under Supervision of the Central Jurisdiction.

No. 172. Puerto Rico Mission Conference, by Rev. Jorge Rivera, on Organization of Puerto Rico Annual Conference.

No. 173. By Charles E. Schofield et al, Denver Methodist Preachers' Meeting, on Adjustment of Boundaries.

No. 174. Colorado Annual Conference, by Charles E. Schofield, on Adjustment of Boundaries.

No. 175. Indian Mission, by A. Frank Smith, on Revising ¶ 501, Art. 1, of *Discipline*, Relative to Business of the Indian Mission.

No. 176. Lucknow Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on Authority to Determine the Membership of the Field Committee Be Given to the Central Conference in Southern Asia.

No. 177. Lucknow Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on National Women, Associate Members of the Conference of Southern Asia.

No. 178. Lucknow Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on Central Conference in Southern Asia. Requests authority to legislate in regard to election of delegates to the Central Conference.

No. 179. Lucknow Annual Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on Conference Sessions be Held Biennially Instead of Annually.

No. 180. Lucknow Annual Conference, by M. C. Biswas, on Equal Share for Lay and Ministerial Members in Conference Business.

No. 181. Foochow Annual Conference, by E. Pearce Hayes, on Authority to Elect Four Bishops to the China Central Conference.

No. 182. North India Conference, by Yumas Sinha, on Election of Lay Members.

No. 183. North India Conference, by Yunas Sinha, on Women's Work.

No. 184. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H.

Hang, on Return of Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference.

No. 185. Malaya Annual Conference, by Ho Seng Ong, on Return of Bishop Edwin F. Lee to Malaya Annual Conference.

No. 186. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Transfer Chinese Work of Sumatra Mission Conference to the Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference.

No. 187. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Organization of Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference into an Annual Conference.

No. 188. Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, by Paul S. H. Hang, on Attaching Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference to North Central Jurisdiction.

No. 189. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Ex Officio Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

No. 190. Philippine North Conference, by Felix J. Grospe, on Bishop Lee to Philippines.

No. 191. Philippine Annual Conference, by Benjamin I. Guansing, on Creating Manila Area.

No. 192. Philippine Central Conference, by Vicente S. Cordero, on Bishop for Philippine Central Conference.

No. 193. Philippine Annual Conference, by Benjamin I. Guansing, on Bishop for Philippine Central Conference.

No. 194. Philippine North Annual Conference, by Felix J. Grospe, on Pledge of Loyalty.

No. 195. Philippine North Conference, by Felix J. Grospe, on Change of Name.

No. 196. Philippine North Conference, by Felix J. Grospe, on Election of Bishop for Philippine Islands.

No. 197. Indiana Annual Conference, by H. W. Baldrige, on Time When General Conference Laws Become Operative.

No. 198. Northwest Iowa Conference, by M. D. Bush, on Lay Delegates.

No. 199. By W. M. Sweet et al, Indianapolis Area, on Keeping and Preserving Church Record.

No. 200. Sumatra Mission Conference, by Egon N. Ostrom, on Return of Bishop Lee to Sumatra Mission Conference.

No. 201. Sumatra Mission Conference, by Egon N. Ostrom, on Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference attached to a Jurisdiction in the United States of America.

No. 202. Sumatra Mission Conference, by Egon N. Ostrom, on Continuance Present Southeastern Asia Provisional Central Conference.

No. 203. Korea Mission Council, by Maud K. Jensen, on Provision for Regular Visits to the Korea Mission Council by a Bishop.

No. 204. California Conference, by John R. Kenney, on Indian Mission Conference Organization.

No. 205. California Conference, by John R. Kenney, on Full Membership for Women in Annual Conference.

No. 206. California Conference, by John R. Kenney, on Method of Election of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

No. 207. California Conference, by John R. Kenney, on Composition of Annual Conference Committees.

No. 208. New York East Annual Conference, by A. L. Faust, on Expenses of the Central Jurisdictional Conference.

No. 209. West China Conference, by F. Olin Stockwell, on Lay Delegates to Central Conference, West China Conference.

No. 210. West China Conference, by F. Olin Stockwell, on Author-

ity Given to China Central Conference to Elect three Bishops to Methodist Church in China.

No. 211. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Quarterly Conference Committees.

No. 212. New Hampshire Annual Conference, by William R. Locke, on Annual Meeting.

No. 213. Association of Methodist Historical Societies, by Charles F. Eggleston, on Historical Societies and Archives.

No. 214. By Claude Young et al, Indiana, North Indiana, North-west Indiana Conferences, on Pastoral Relations.

No. 215. By S. J. Sankeshwar, Esq., et al, Methodist Kanarese Church, Belgaum, India, on Members of Quarterly Conference of Belgaum Church, India.

No. 216. South Florida Conference, by C. R. A. Banks, on Continuance of South Florida Conference.

No. 217. Foochow Annual Conference, by Paul P. Wiant, on Amending *Discipline* Relative to Mission Delegates to the Annual Conference.

Memorials 218 to 226, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on State of the Church.

No. 218. North Alabama Conference, by W. E. Morris, on Marriage of Divorced Parties.

No. 219. By Edwin C. Arnold, Rock River Conference on Marriage Laws.

No. 220. Louisville Annual Conference, by Roy H. Short, on Speech for a Sober Nation.

No. 221. Methodist Conference on Christian Education, by M. Earl Cunningham, on World Peace.

No. 222. By William H. Evans and Edwin C. Arnold, Rock River Conference, on The Death Penalty.

No. 223. By A. Lincoln Shute et al, Rock River Conference, on Marriage Laws.

No. 224. Conference Board of Lay Activities-Tennessee Conference, by G. W. Follin, on Sabbath Observance.

No. 225. By Claude Young et al, Indiana, North Indiana, North-west Indiana Conferences on Special Advices.

No. 226. Executive Committees of Commission on Evangelism, by B. G. Hodge, on Evangelism.

No. 227. Rock River Annual Conference, by James O'May, on Commending work of American Bible Society and Chicago Bible Society (American Bible Society.)

No. 228. By Irby Henderson et al, North Georgia Conference, on Installation Service for Officers. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 229. By W. A. Brown, East South America Annual Conference, on Baptism of Adults (Ritual and Orders of Worship).

No. 230. By W. A. Brown, East South America Annual Conference on Reception of Members. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 231. By Claude Young et al, Indiana, North Indiana, North-west Indiana Conferences, on Church Membership Manual (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 232. Idaho Annual Conference, by Carl M. Davidson on Conference, composed of representatives of capital and labor made up of Protestants, Jews, and Catholics to find a solution for Economic problems. (Interdenominational Relations.)

No. 233. Alabama Conference by Henry M. Andrews on Proposed Substitute for Chapter I, The Judicial Council. (Judicial Administration.)

Memorials 234 to 265, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.

- No. 234. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Ministerial Support.
- No. 235. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on General Commission on World Service and Finance.
- No. 236. Joint Committee on Co-operation for Lay Activities, by William R. Phelps, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 237. Central Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by B. E. McGlammery, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 238. Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Mrs. R. A. Thomas, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 239. Memphis Conference Board of Lay Activities, by S. R. Woods, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 240. Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Ross H. Moore, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 241. North Arkansas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Joe A. Goetz, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 242. Northwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. G. Boger, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 243. South Georgia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. S. Wimberly, on Christian Stewardship.
- No. 244. Illinois Conference, by Thomas B. Lugg, on Clarification of Legislation of Financial Plan.
- No. 245. Western Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by George S. Snodgrass, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 246. Western North Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Paul F. Evans, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 247. Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by John C. Boggs, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 248. Upper South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by W. D. Roberts, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 249. Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by A. E. Scott, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 250. Southwest Missouri Board of Lay Activities, by R. G. Mayfield, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 251. South Georgia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. S. Wimberly, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 252. St. Louis Conference Board of Lay Activities, by William P. Mason, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 253. Oklahoma Conference Board of Lay Activities, by H. C. George, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 254. Northwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. G. Boger, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 255. North Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. L. Ferguson, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 256. North Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities, by E. A. Tanner, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 257. North Arkansas Board of Lay Activities, by Joe A. Goetz, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 258. New Mexico Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Frank Greathonsi, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 259. Missouri Conference Board of Lay Activities, by W. B. Utz, Jr., on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 260. Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Ross H. Moore, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.
- No. 261. Memphis Conference Board of Lay Activities, by S. R. Woods, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.

No. 262. Louisville Conference Board of Lay Activities, by W. L. Cash, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.

No. 263. Little Rock Board of Lay Activities, by Mrs. R. A. Thomas, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.

No. 264. Kentucky Conference Board of Lay Activities, by J. S. Smith, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.

No. 265. Central Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by B. E. McGlammery, on Amending Constitution Board of Lay Activities.

Memorials 266 to 271, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

No. 266. By G. M. Massey, and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Missions.

No. 267. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

No. 268. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Sections of Home Mission.

No. 269. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Foreign Field Committee.

No. 270. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Division of Foreign Missions.

No. 271. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Board of Missions and Church Extension.

No. 272. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Episcopacy (Ministry).

No. 273. By William P. King, North Georgia Conference, on Appointments (Ministry).

No. 274. Illinois Conference, by Thomas B. Lugg, on Election of Executive Secretaries in Division of Education (Education).

No. 275. Illinois Conference, by Thomas B. Lugg, on Secretarial Council for the General Board of Education (Education).

No. 276. By J. M. Ormond et al, North Carolina Conference, on Town and Country Commission (Education).

No. 277. Curriculum Committee Board of Education on Publications Youth Program (Education).

Memorials 278 to 298, inclusive, have been referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

No. 278. Indiana Annual Conference, by H. W. Baldrige, on Stamps and Bookmarks.

No. 279. North Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities, by E. A. Tanner, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 280. North Arkansas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Joe A. Goetz, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 281. North Alabama Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Van B. Taunton, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 282. New Mexico Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Frank Greathonsi, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 283. Missouri Annual Conference, Board of Lay Activities, by W. H. Utz, Jr., on Adequate Church Press.

No. 284. Mississippi Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Ross H. Moore, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 285. Memphis Conference Board of Lay Activities, by S. R. Woods, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 286. Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Mrs. R. A. Thomas, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 287. Kentucky Conference Board of Lay Activities, by J. S. Smith, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 288. Central Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by B. E. McGlammery, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 289. North Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. L. Ferguson, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 290. Western Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by George S. Snodgrass, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 291. Western North Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Paul F. Evans, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 292. Virginia Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities, by John C. Boggs, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 293. Upper South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by W. D. Roberts, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 294. Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by A. E. Scott, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 295. Southwest Missouri Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. G. Mayfield, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 296. St. Louis Conference Board of Lay Activities, by William P. Mason, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 297. Oklahoma Board of Lay Activities, by H. C. George, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 298. Northwest Texas Conference Board of Lay Activities, by R. S. Boger, on Adequate Church Press.

No. 299. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Central Conferences (Conferences).

No. 300. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on The General Conference (Conferences).

No. 301. By G. M. Massey and E. Ahmad Shah, Lucknow Conference, on Episcopal Administration in Central Conference (Conferences).

No. 302. By William P. King, North Georgia Conference, on Harmonizing the *Discipline* in the Use of the Words Ordain and Consecrate (Ministry).

No. 303. By William P. King, North Georgia Conference, on Consecration of Bishops (Ministry).

No. 304. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Annual Conference Commission on Finance (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy).

No. 305. Troy Annual Conference by Elmer N. Haley, on Preparatory Members (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 306. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Graduate Courses of Study (Education).

No. 307. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Stewards (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 308. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Social Creed of The Methodist Church (State of the Church).

No. 309. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Duties of Conference Treasurer (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 310. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Duties of Pastors (Ministry).

No. 311. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Duties of Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 312. Troy Annual Conference, by Elmer N. Haley, on Pastor's Report Blanks (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 313. By Aubrey S. Moore et al, Rock River Conference, on Official Board of Committees (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 314. Illinois Annual Conference, by William G. Pulliam, on Composition of Annual Conference Commission on World Service

and Finance (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 315. By Charles E. Schofield, Colorado Conference, on Defining Term "Layman" (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 316. Walla Walla District Conference, Pacific Northwest, by Frederick L. Pedersen, on Duties of Conference Treasurers (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy).

No. 317. Walla Walla District Conference, Pacific Northwest, by Frederick L. Pedersen, on Annuity for Retired Bishops (Conference Claimants).

No. 318. Cincinnati District Conference, by Ralph W. Knoop, on License to Preach.

No. 319. By Aubrey S. Moore, et al, Rock River Conference, on Committee on Episcopacy (Ministry).

No. 320. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on Curriculum of Young People's Division (Education).

No. 321. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on Reading Courses for Laymen (Education).

No. 322. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on Young People's Weekly (Publishing Interests).

No. 323. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on *The Christian Advocate* (Publishing Interests).

No. 324. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on Religion in Life (Publishing Interests).

No. 325. Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Charles E. Schofield, on National Methodist Press (Publishing Interests).

No. 326. By J. M. Ormond, et al, North Carolina Conference, on Town and Country Commission (Missions and Church Extension).

No. 327. Administrative Committee, National Council of Methodist Youth, by Thomas R. Pendell, on Changing Names of Annual Conferences (Conferences).

No. 328. Walla Walla District Conference (Pacific Northwest), by Frederick L. Pedersen, on Episcopal Residence for Portland Area (Conferences).

No. 329. Louisiana Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Thomas H. Henderson, on Amending Constitution of General Board of Lay Activities. (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.)

No. 330. Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities, by C. B. Peeler, on Amending Constitution of General Board of Lay Activities. (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.)

No. 331. South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Secretary, on Amending Constitution of General Board of Lay Activities. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 332. Louisiana Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Thomas H. Henderson, on Christian Stewardship. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 333. Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities, by C. B. Peeler, on Christian Stewardship. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 334. South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Secretary on Christian Stewardship. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 335. Louisiana Conference Board of Lay Activities, by Thomas H. Henderson, on Adequate Church Press. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 336. Florida Conference Board of Lay Activities, by C. B. Peeler, on Adequate Church Press. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 337. South Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities by the Secretary on Adequate Church Press. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 338. Theodor Arvidson, of the Sweden Conference on Boundaries of North Europe Central Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 339. Northern Minnesota Conference, by Allen E. Dripps on National Methodist Youth Weekly Paper. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 340. Northern Minnesota Conference, by Allen E. Dripps, on Retirement of Salaried Secretaries. (Ministry.)

No. 341. Virginia Conference Board of Lay Activities, by John C. Boggs, on Lay Membership in Conferences. (Conferences.)

No. 342. Northeast Ohio Conference, by Louise Litzel, on Pension for Deaconesses. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 343. Missouri Annual Conference, by E. L. Robinson, on Graduate Courses of Study. (Education.)

No. 344. Conference Deaconess Board, by Louise Litzel, on Conference Deaconess' Boards. (Ministry.)

No. 345. Northeast Ohio Deaconess Board, by Louise Litzel, on Candidates for Deaconess. (Ministry.)

No. 346. A. G. Odell, of Central New York Conference, on Board of Lay Activities. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 347. Central New York Conference, by A. G. Odell, on Central Conference Membership. (Conferences.)

No. 348. Methodist Deaconess Association, by Flora A. Gorber, on Deaconess Legislation. (Ministry.)

No. 349. Missouri Annual Conference, by E. L. Robinson, on Hospitals and Homes. (Hospitals and Homes.)

No. 350. Shelbyville Methodist Church, by N. Burch Tucker, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 351. Epworth League Valley Avenue Memorial Church, by Pertelle Long, on Methodist Youth. (Education.)

No. 352. Pasadena District Organization, by D. H. Sellers, President, on Methodist Men. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 353. First Methodist Church, by J. C. G. Brooks, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 354. Tennessee Conference Board of Lay Activities, by W. O. Batts, Chairman on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 355. Leroy G. White, of Camden District, New Jersey Conference on Amendment of *Discipline*. (Judicial Administration.)

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- No. 371. Ministers, of Lynchburg District, by Roland P. Riddick, on Voluntary Acceptance Plan of Benevolences. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 372. Richmond Virginia Preachers' Meeting, by J. J. Rives, on Preachers on Trial. (Judicial Administration.)
- No. 373. Methodist Preachers' Meeting, by W. S. Deyerle, on Preachers on Trial. (Judicial Administration.)
- No. 374. Lewisburg District Conference, by C. W. Fink, on Election of Editor of Church School Publications. (Publishing Interests.)
- No. 375. Lewisburg District Conference, by C. W. Fink, on Composition of District Conference. (Conferences.)
- No. 376. Lewisburg District Conferences, by C. W. Fink, on Examination of District Records. (Conferences.)
- No. 377. National Council of Methodist Youth, by Thomas R. Pendell, on Youth Representation in Ecumenical Conferences. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 378. Subject, Consecration of Bishop-Elect. (Ministry.)
- No. 379. District Conference of Staunton District, of Virginia Conference, by R. L. Durham, on Denounce Appointment of Representative to Rome. (State of the Church.)
- No. 380. Subject, Relation of Retired Bishop. (Ministry.)
- No. 381. National Council of Methodist Youth, by Herman Will, Jr., on Commission to Study Program of Methodist Youth. (Education.)
- No. 382. National Council of Methodist Youth, by Herman Will, Jr., on National Youth Organization. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 383. Lynchburg District of Virginia Conference, by Roland P. Riddick, on Limitation of Budget. (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 384. Roanoke District Conference, by A. Irvin Orndoff, on Quarterly Conference Records. (Conferences.)
- No. 385. New Orleans Methodist Ministers' Meeting, by Karl Looke, on Compulsory Life Insurance. (Conference Claimants.)
- No. 386. Little Rock District, of Little Rock Conference, on Church-Wide Paper. (Publishing Interests.)
- No. 387. Women's Missionary Society, Southwest Missouri Conference, by Mrs. H. R. Farmer, on Women for the Traveling Ministry. (Ministry.)
- No. 388. Commission on World Service and Finance, by Earl R. Burdick, on Provision for Expenses of Bishops. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 389. Board of Pensions, by T. A. Stafford, on Distribution of Income of Chartered Fund. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 390. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Merging of Churches. (Conferences.)

No. 391. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Duties of Accepted Supply Pastor. (Ministry.)

No. 392. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Duties of Exhorter. (Ministry.)

No. 393. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Reception or Dismissal of Membership in Annual Conference. (Ministry.)

No. 394. New Jersey Conference, by Leon Chamberlain, on Treasurer of Episcopal Fund. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 395. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Order of Business for Quarterly Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 396. New Jersey Conference, by Thomas S. Brock, on Specific Duties of Financial Secretary and Treasurer. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 397. Central Pennsylvania Conference, by Edgar R. Heckman, on Revise ¶ 572. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 398. South India Conference, by C. P. Heins, on Classification of Members on Trial. (Ministry.)

No. 399. South India Conference, by C. P. Heins, on Classification of Members on Trial. (Ministry.)

No. 400. South India Conference, by C. P. Heins, on New Field Committee. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 401. California Area, by Oren B. Waite, Chairman on Conference Claimants. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 402. Evansville District Conference, by W. T. Jones, Superintendent on Standard Course of Study. (Education.)

No. 403. Louis S. Staples, Maine Annual Conference, on Church Journalism. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 404. Louisville Conference, by R. H. Garrison, on Revision of Creed. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 405. St. Paul Methodist Church, by Virginia Janeczek, on Women Ministers. (Ministry.)

No. 406. Beulah Methodist Church, by S. B. Tanner, on Women Preachers. (Ministry.)

No. 407. Johnson City District, Holston Conference, by B. H. Hempton, President on Pastoral Relations. (Conferences.)

No. 408. Clarendon District Conference, by G. T. Palmer, Superintendent, on Promotional Agency for Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 409. Oregon Conference, by Bertha E. Pease, on Women Preachers. (Ministry.)

No. 410. Central America Mission Conference, by George A. Miller, Bishop on Transfer of Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 411. Official Board of the Hodge Memorial Church, by Margaret Infinger, on Women in Ministry. (Ministry.)

No. 412. Official Board of the Aldersgate Methodist Church, by W. W. McDonald, on Ministry for Women. (Ministry.)

No. 413. Bosco Methodist Church, by Mrs. W. A. Brandt, on Women Preachers. (Ministry.)

No. 414. Central Pennsylvania Conference, by Edgar R. Heckman, on Retention ¶ 1684. (Conferences.)

No. 415. Official Board of the Montgomery Methodist Church, by W. P. Williams, on Women in the Ministry. (Ministry.)

No. 416. North Europe Central Conference, by Theodor Arvidson, on Conferences.

No. 417. El Bethel Church, South Carolina, by T. M. Williams, Pastor on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 418. Shelbyville Methodist Church, Tennessee Conference, by Noah W. Cooper, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 419. Waverly Place Methodist Church, by Fred C. Woodard, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 420. Clark Memorial Methodist Church, by Julius C. Johnson, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 421. Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, by W. H. Baring, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 422. Millers Methodist Church, by T. E. James, Pastor, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 423. Woodlawn Methodist Church, by Weldon E. Bradburn, Pastor, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 424. Montevallo Methodist Church, by J. M. Shorea, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 425. Seay Memorial Methodist Church, by W. B. Crenshaw, Pastor, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 426. Buchanan Street Methodist Church, by O. P. Gentry, Pastor, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 427. Louisville Methodist Ministers' Association, by Chester Phillips, on Location of Boards. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 428. Methodist Preachers' Meeting, Louisville District, by J. C. Rawlings, on Increasing Number of Boards. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 429. Genessee Conference, by Samuel A. Keen, on Nominees for District Superintendent. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 430. Buffalo District Conference, by Samuel A. Keen, on Liquor Disqualifications for Office. (State of the Church.)

No. 431. Board of Pensions, Illinois Corporation, by T. A. Stafford, on Obligations of Claimant. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 432. Board of Pensions, by Charles W. Tadlock, on Basis of Annuity Claim. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 433. Pittsburgh Conference, by Sanford W. Corcoran, on Committee on Missions and Church Extension. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 434. Montgomery (La.) Methodist Church, by Lula Wardlow, on Women in Ministry. (Ministry.)

No. 435. Northern Minnesota Conference, by T. A. Stafford, on Supply Pastors. (Ministry.)

No. 436. Ad Interim Committee of Central Conference, by Ferdinand Sigg, on Switzerland Annual Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 437. Louisville Methodist Ministers' Association, by Chester Phillips, on Conference Relationship of Bishop. (Ministry.)

No. 438. Board of Lay Activities, Florida Conference, by T. B. Godfrey, on Christian Stewardship. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 439. Cleveland Methodist Ministers' Association, by Ernest Knautz, President, on Training and Reception of Children. (Education.)

No. 440. Official Board of Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church, by Oscar Thomas Olson, Pastor, on the Epworth League. (Education.)

No. 441. Board of Managers, the Methodist Union, Cleveland, Ohio, by Paul Knight, President, on the Epworth League. (Education.)

No. 442. Official Board of Courtland Church, Atlanta, Tex., by

J. G. Moore, on Woman Ministry. (Ministry.)

No. 443. Bear Creek Methodist Church, by Prentis Cook, on Women Preachers. (Ministry.)

No. 444. California Oriental Mission, by Ernest S. Lyons, on Mission Conference. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 445. California Oriental Mission, by Ernest S. Lyons, Superintendent, on Enabling Acts. (Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.)

No. 446. Board of Lay Activities, Southwest Texas Conference, by W. W. Jackson, on Adequate Church Press. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 447. Board of Lay Activities, Southwest Texas Conference, by W. W. Jackson, on Jurisdictional Lay Secretary. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 448. Nashville Methodist Conference, by Noah W. Cooper, on Sabbath Observance. (State of the Church.)

No. 449. Lucy B. Cooper Bible Class, Waverly Place Methodist Church, by Noah W. Cooper. (State of the Church.)

No. 450. Fred E. Lott, by Wyoming Annual Conference, on Produce Methodist. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 451. Fred E. Lott, by Wyoming Annual Conference, on Composition of Jurisdictional Board of Education. (Education.)

No. 452. Fred E. Lott, Wyoming Annual Conference, on Discontinued or Abandoned Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 453. Fred E. Lott, Wyoming Annual Conference, on Minimum Support of Pastors. (State of the Church.)

No. 454. New England Historical Society, by C. H. Stuckpole, on Historical Society and Archives. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 455. Boston Methodist Preachers' Meeting, by Joseph Belcher, on Ordination of Ministers. (Ministry.)

No. 456. George Heath, New England Conference, on Ritual Reception of Members. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 457. Boston Methodist Preachers' Meeting, by Joseph Belcher, on Conscientious Objections to War. (State of the Church.)

No. 458. Boston Methodist Preachers' Meeting, by Joseph Belcher, on Authority of Bishops and Board Missions. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 459. Boston Methodist Preachers' Meeting, by Joseph Belcher, on Relation of Foreign Missionaries to Governments. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 460. L. O. Hartman, New England, on District Superintendent's term. (Ministry.)

No. 461. E. M. Sweet, on Use of the Name "Methodist." (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 462. E. M. Sweet, on Lay Representation. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 463. Baltimore and Peninsula Conference, by B. W. Meeks, on the Methodist Recorder and Book Store in Baltimore. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 464. Joint Committee on Education, on Proposed Changes in Legislation on Board of Education. (Education.)

No. 465. Newark Conference, by Herbert A. Sawyer, on Spirit and Practice of International Peace. (State of the Church.)

No. 466. D. F. Armistead, on Relating to Charge Lay Leaders. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 467. Mabel E. Crabbe Allen, on Roll of the Dead. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 468. Representative Youth, by George E. Farrar, on Education on Alcohol. (State of the Church.)

No. 469. E. M. Sweet, on Lay Members of Quadrennial Boards. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 470. West Oklahoma Conference, by Charles C. Buhrman, on Amend ¶ 1065. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 471. Dakota Annual Conference, by E. D. Kohlstedt, on Uniform Retirement Rule. (Ministry.)

No. 472. New York Conference, by Chester A. Smith, on Preservation of Civil Liberties. (State of the Church.)

No. 473. New York Conference, by Chester A. Smith, on Members of Judicial Council. (Judicial Administration.)

No. 474. New York Conference, by Chester A. Smith, on Support of Democratic Nations. (State of the Church.)

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No. 476. Alfred F. Hughes, on Appointing District Superintendents. (Conferences.)

No. 477. West Wisconsin Conference, by D. A. Long, on Accepted Supply Pastor to Share in Relief Fund. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 478. Iowa-Des Moines Conference, by J. H. Kreumy, on Distribution of Funds. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 479. Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, by Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, on Relating to Board of Missions. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 480. Evansville District Conference, by W. T. Jones, on Publication of Daily Newspapers. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 481. Paul N. Garber, on Amend Sundry Paragraphs. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 482. New York City Society, on Boundaries for New York Negro Work. (Conferences.)

No. 483. New York City Society, on Withholding World Service Giving. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 484. Roland P. Riddick, Lynchburg District, on Limit of Budget. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 485. W. K. Greene, on Amend ¶ 1271. (State of the Church.)

No. 486. Carl H. Fowler of New York Conference, on Wills and Legacies. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 487. Carl H. Fowler, New York Conference, on Relating to Drew Seminary. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 488. Carl H. Fowler, New York Conference, on Registration of Members to Prevent Loss. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 489. Carl H. Fowler, New York Conference, on Plan of Insurance for Ministers. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 490. W. E. Blackstock, on Relating to Lay Leader. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 491. Grand Rapids District, Albert H. Pellowe, on Trust Funds. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 492. Detroit Area, E. Ray Willson, on Relation of Foreign Areas. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 493. E. Douglas, Stockholm Area, on Assignment of Bishop Raymond J. Wade. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 494. E. Douglas, Annual Conference of North, on Annual Conference in North Africa. (Conferences.)

No. 495. Albert G. Judd, Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, on Relative to Expenses of Bishops. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 496. Albert C. Loucks, Northeastern New York Conference, on

Suspended Ministerial Member. (Ministry.)

No. 497. Albert G. Judd, Northern New York Annual Conference, on Relating to Quarterly Conferences. (Conferences.)

No. 498. G. Glenn Giles, First Methodist Church, on Change ¶ 226. (State of the Church.)

No. 499. Lynn Harold Hough, on Concerning Pledge Required of Ministers. (Ministry.)

No. 500. North Indiana, by W. L. Hall, on Certificate of Transfer. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 501. Wyoming State Conference, by Roy G. Hills, on To Continue as Annual Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 502. Homer R. Gettle, on The Call to Preach. (Ministry.)

No. 503. Homer R. Gettle, Fort Wayne, Ind., Church, on Bible in the Public School. (Education.)

No. 504. W. Scott Chinn, Louisiana Conference, on Education for Negroes. (Education.)

No. 505. W. Scott Chinn, Louisiana Conference, on Relation on Negro Members. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 506. W. Scott Chinn, Louisiana Conference, on Paper for Central Conference. (Publishing Interests.)

No. 507. Fred C. Hausser, East German Conference, on, Solidarity of Conference. (Conferences.)

No. 508. Association of Schools and Colleges, on Distribution Benevolence Funds. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 509. Charles C. Webber, on Race Relations. State of the Church.)

No. 510. Charles C. Webber, on The Social Creed. State of the Church.)

No. 511. Charles C. Webber, on Labor Relations. (State of the Church.)

No. 512. Charles C. Webber, on Anti-Lynching Bill. (State of the Church.)

No. 513. Boards of Education of Baltimore Conference, by John C. Millian, on Young Adults. (Education.)

No. 514. J. Luther Neff Washington Preachers' Meeting, on Pastor's Time of Retirement. (Ministry.)

No. 515. J. Luther Neff, Washington Preachers' Meeting, on Inactive Members. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 516. Washington Preachers' Meeting, by J. Luther Neff, on Transfer of Bishops. (Ministry.)

No. 517. Baltimore Preachers' Meeting, by J. Phelps Hand, on Administration of the Sacraments. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)

No. 518. Baltimore Preachers' Meeting, by J. Phelps Hand, on Unordained Local Preachers. (Ministry.)

No. 519. T. W. Stephenson, Joint Committee on Education, on Enabling Act. (Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.)

No. 520. T. W. Stephenson, Joint Committee Education, on Education in the Christian Way of Life. (Education.)

No. 521. Lewisburg District Conference, by C. W. Fink, On Election of Editor of Church School Publications. (Education.)

No. 522. Charles T. Bass, Commission on World Peace, on Commission on World Peace. (State of the Church.)

No. 523. C. R. Scott, on Amend Chapter 8. (Conferences.)

No. 524. George W. Robinson, on Amend ¶ 921. (Conferences.)

No. 525. Arlo A. Brown, Board of Trustees, on John Street Methodist Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 526. Montana Association of Hospitals, Josephine Stout, on Deaconesses Institutions. (Hospitals and Homes.)

No. 527. Frank B. Jones, on Certificate of Membership. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 528. Board of Missions, on Plan of Episcopal Supervision. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 529. Homer R. Gettle, on Bible in the Home. (Education.)

No. 530. William H. Barradell, New York East Conference, on Nominating Committee. (Conferences.)

No. 531. William H. Barradell, New York East Conference, on Income to Meet Emergencies. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 532. Eva E. Hayes, on Apply Social Security Act to Church Employees. (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.)

No. 533. Wm. F. Quillian, Conference of Secretaries, on Apportionments for Benevolences. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 534. Wm. F. Quillian, Conference of Secretaries, on Clarification of *Discipline*. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 535. Wm. F. Quillian, Conference of Secretaries, on Promotion of General Benevolences. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 536. Wm. F. Quillian, Conference of Secretaries, on Annual Conference Minutes. (Conferences.)

No. 537. Wm. F. Quillian, Conference of Secretaries, on General and Annual Conference Benevolences. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 538. New York East Conference, by Wm. H. Barradell, on Election of Trustees. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 539. Leonard B. Smith, Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, and Social Service. (State of the Church.)

No. 540. R. L. Wood, Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, on Committee on Pastoral Relations.

No. 541. R. L. Wood, Methodist Preachers, Meeting of Baltimore, on Speaking Officially for the Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 542. E. A. Lambert, Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, on Preparatory Membership Manuals. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 543. E. D. Kohlstedt, Board of Missions, on Relating to Board of Home Missions. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 544. Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, of Board of Missions, on Financial Support of Colored Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)

No. 545. Miss Jessie E. Arbuckley, of Methodist Deaconess Orphanage, on Methodist Deaconess Orphanage. (Hospitals and Homes.)

No. 546. R. L. Wood, Methodist Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, on Divided Annuity Responsibility. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 547. Benjamin W. Meeks, Maryland Annual Conference, on Divided Annuity Responsibility. (Conference Claimants.)

No. 548. Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Board of Missions, on Relationships with Autonomous Methodist Churches. (Missions and Church Extension.)

No. 549. Paul B. Kern, Youth Crusade Commission, on the Youth Crusade. (Education.)

- No. 550. New York East Conference, Wm. H. Barradell, on District Conferences. (Conferences.)
- No. 551. John L. Sandlin, Orangeburg District, on Conference Claimants. (Conference Claimants.)
- No. 552. J. H. Olmstead, Genessee Conference, on Pastors and Rite of Baptism. (Ritual and Orders of Worship.)
- No. 553. Pittsburgh Conference, Bennett W. Hutchinson, on Support for the Ministry. (Ministry.)
- No. 554. Pittsburgh Conference, Bennett W. Hutchinson, on Conference Claimants Is Responsibility of the Church. (Conference Claimants.)
- No. 555. E. H. Alsdorf, National City Methodist Church, on Lay Leaders. (Membership, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 556. Rufus B. von KleinSmid, President Association of Schools and Colleges, on Support of Benevolent Giving. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 557. James McGiffin, Western Division of the Institute Council, on A Youth Magazine. (Publishing Interests.)
- No. 558. William Bowman, Western Division of the Institute Council, on Young Adult Work. (Education.)
- No. 559. Francis H. Tees, St. George's Church, on St. George's Methodist Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 560. Pedro Zottele, on Schools in Foreign Fields. (Missions and Church Extension.)
- No. 561. Southern California-Arizona Conference, by George C. Little, on Insignia for Methodist Men. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 562. J. C. Churchill, Pavilion Community Church, on Women Ministers. (Ministry.)
- No. 563. California-Arizona Conference, by Bert L. Cooper, on Board of Lay Activities. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 564. Pacific-Japanese Mission Conference, on Relating to Pacific-Japanese Mission Conference. (Conferences.)
- No. 565. California Conference, by H. E. Milnes, on Amend ¶ 791. (Conferences.)
- No. 566. W. C. Bates, on Membership Committee of Local Church. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 567. F. C. Smathers, on Statistical Report Blanks. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 568. J. B. Ivey, on Consideration of American Bible Society. (American Bible Society.)
- No. 569. Paul N. Garber, on Uniformity of Conference Journals. (Conferences.)
- No. 570. Paul N. Garber, on Duplication of Conference Names. (Conferences.)
- No. 571. Charles S. Kendall, on Weekly Journal. (Publishing Interests.)
- No. 572. Executive Committee, G. A. Warmer, on Relating Conferences on Education. (Education.)
- No. 573. O. V. Woosley, on Financing Philanthropic Institutions. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 574. North Indiana Conference, by A. Wesley Pugh, on Advice to Church Members. (Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy.)
- No. 575. North Indiana Conference, by A. Wesley Pugh, on Harmonize Paragraphs of *Discipline*. (Ministry.)

- No. 576. D. M. Paul, on Duties of Pastor. (Ministry.)
- No. 577. Mrs. Earl Joscelyn, on Use of Tobacco. (State of the Church.)
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